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Rota under a state of emergency

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos has declared a state of major disaster and significant emergency on the island of Rota.

According to the declaration, Rota suffered "significant damage to public and private property, the full extent of which is presently unknown" after being hit by Typhoon Dolphin on Friday night.

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Joint preliminary damage assessment this week

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency, together with the CNMI government and the Small Business Administration, will conduct this week a joint preliminary damage assessment for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the wake of Typhoon Dolphin.

In a telephone interview yesterday, FEMA Region 9 external affairs officer Veronica Verde disclosed that CNMI Gov. Eloy S. Inos

requested on Monday that FEMA participate in a public assistance preliminary damage assessment, or PDA.

Verde said SBA would join FEMA and the CNMI government as part of the PDA team.

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Final EIS for MITT now online

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The U.S. Department of Navy has published online its final environmental impact documents on military training covering air, land,

and sea space in the Marianas region.

This final environmental statement, or EIS, covers, among others, sonar, deep-sea, "urban warfare," and ordnance training on the islands of Guam, Rota, Saipan, Tinian, and Farallon de

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70 pct. dog population targeted for sterilization



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To control the runaway dog population in the Commonwealth, Animal Balance said that 70 percent of the estimated 22,000 dogs on the islands need to be sterilized.

Emma Clifford, founder and director of Animal Balance, said that after 70 percent of the dog population is sterilized, residents will start seeing a decline in the local dog population.

"The goal is for at least 70 percent of Saipan and Rota's dog populations to be sterilized to see significant overall population declines," Clifford said.

The first-ever animal sterilization for dogs started yesterday at the Animal Shelter in Lower Base. The sterilization program offers spay, neuter, and zeuterin treatments.

"Today is the first day for the animal sterilization care here on Saipan and it is very exciting. This is the first time for a high volume sterilization and is a groundbreaking day for humane treatment for dogs on this island," Clifford said.

She noted that they had already booked 30 dogs by

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JAYSON CAMACHO
Two Animal Balance members give a shot to one of the dogs that had been recently spayed or neutered. This area is for the recovery of dogs that have already undergone treatment. The program will be held until Saturday and will continue on May 25 to the end of the month at the Kagman Community Center.

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The family of Traina Suda Jack visits the site where her remains were found.

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Miss Marianas 2015 contestants visit the *man'amko*



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Miss Marianas 2015 contestants and the *man'amko* interact with each other for a mini-fashion show during the ladies' visit at the Aging Office yesterday. Both the contestants and the seniors had fun learning from each other.

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Days before their big night, Miss Marianas 2015 candidates took the time to visit and have fun with the *man'amko* at the Aging Center in Chinatown.

Miss Marianas 2015 contestants Jian Joyner, Dana Manglona, Riana McCale, Daysia San Nicolas, Joanna Navarro, and Irene Torres spent the morning dancing and even staging a fashion show for the elderly.

Each contestant taught two *man'amko* partners on how to walk like a model and how to carry themselves. The ladies

also gave a sampling of their introduction number for the big night on Thursday.

The *man'amko* also had a chance to show off their dancing moves.

"They [candidates] had a lot of fun, they learned from the *man'amko* and the [*man'amko's*] talent and performance definitely inspired the girls," Stellar Marianas president Laila Boyer said.

This was the first time for Miss Marianas candidates to visit the elderly at the center. After the short program, they gave away gift packages of Dove and other Unilever products.

"This is great, especially because I use these products as

well," said Aging Center client Virgie Mallari.

"We would like to send a big thank you to Dickerson & Quinn International and Dove for giving us this opportunity to share the products," Boyer said.

For D&Q, it was not just about sharing their products but also to give the Miss Marianas contestants a novel experience.

"This is the first time for D&Q to sponsor an event like this for Dove and to promote awareness for everybody and the *man'amko* and what they do here," said Jaki Fujihira, sales and marketing support for D&Q.

"The beauty of the *man'amko* is that they have knowledge to share and we wanted to have the Miss Marianas come over and witness that. Because they're very young and it's best that they come over and interact with the *man'amko*," she added.

The Saipan Senior Advisory Council was also pleased by the girls' visit.

"On behalf of the *man'amko* and the SSAC, we would like to say *si yu'uus ma'ase* [thank you] that you shared your talent and your beauty and your love for us," said SSAC vice president Teresita Sorroza.

"Thank you very much for visiting us. I hope you enjoyed your short time over here," added SSAC president Maria Salinas.

'Ice' trafficking case dropped

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho dismissed without prejudice the charges against John Richard Palacios Deleon Guerrero, who was arrested by authorities last week for alleged trafficking of methamphetamine or "ice."

Camacho dismissed the case against Deleon Guerrero yesterday after Chief Prosecutor Leonardo Rapadas moved to dismiss the charges "in the interest of justice." He did not state a reason for the motion to drop the case.

Dismissed without prejudice means the government can re-open the case in the future.

Rapadas filed the motion yesterday, the day of the scheduled preliminary hearing in the case against Deleon Guerrero.

Police officer Peter Raymond Camacho stated in his report that a "cooperating source" was able to buy \$220 worth of "ice" from Deleon Guerrero in the parking lot of U-Luck Poker in Gualo Rai last April 16.

Deleon Guerrero was among the seven persons arrested in connection with Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero's war against "ice" in the CNMI. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Ocean Vista QC approved; another's QC is suspended

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REPORTER

Gov. Eloy Inos has signed off on the suspension of Laolao Bay Golf Resort's qualifying certificate, while also approving this certificate, which provides tax relief for investors, for Ocean Vista Resort.

According to the Commonwealth Development Authority QC analyst Carline Sablan, Laolao Resort's QC was suspended by the governor on April 24. The Attorney General's Office also signed off on this later that month.

For the Ocean Vista Resort, Inos and the AG approved the qualifying certificate on May 4 and May 11, respectively.

In her report to the CDA board, Sablan disclosed that from recent communication with Ocean Vista Resort, they "may be requesting modification" on their approved QC.

The resort has 60 days to accept this tax relief as approved by Inos.

CDA chair Diego Songao

also said he recently received a letter from the resort recommending for the modification of two items on their qualifying certificate.

Sablan said the resort could accept their certificate with request for modifications but at this point CDA would have to wait until this juncture.

If they did request for modifications, CDA would have 45 days to act on this request, she said.

Ocean Vista Resort aims to build a \$46-million, 144-room hotel on Capital Hill.

Last month, the board voted unanimously to approve of the resort's qualifying certificate with a stipulation that they annually provide \$150,000 in public contributions.

Per the qualifying certificate, CDA also requires that the resort include a "cultural historical preservation aspect" in their project. Other stipulations are a 50-percent abatement of the business gross revenue tax and bar tax, and a benefit cap not to exceed \$3.4 million or 10 years regardless of the year of bid.

Demapan resolution to push for 902 talks

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Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) will introduce a resolution to request that Covenant Section 902 process be used for land acquisition talks between the leaders of the federal government and the CNMI.

House Joint Resolution 19-05 calls for Section 902 as the sole forum of discussion, consultation, and negotiation to address the desire of the U.S. to acquire any interest in real property not already given under the Covenant.

Demapan said he will introduce the resolution this Friday.

The resolution cites the scarce land area of the CNMI and its importance to the people and the need for consultation.

According to Demapan, Section 902 of the Covenant provides the "highest level of consultation between special representatives appointed by the President of the United States and the governor of the CNMI."

Demapan, who chairs the House Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs, said that among the fundamental provisions of the Covenant is the importance of the ownership of land for the culture and traditions of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands and that the U.S. will continue to recognize and respect the scarcity and special importance of land in the Commonwealth.

H.R. 1735 passed the U.S. House of Representatives last week.

"we can ask for," said Demapan. "In fact, the 902 consultation is an authority unique only to the CNMI as other states and territories do not have this benefit to avail of."

Demapan maintains that the proposed amendment in House Resolution 1735 "effectively undermines the importance and of the Covenant's protections for our self-governing status, especially when the acquisition of additional lands for military use is in conflict to the agreements made within."

"Proposing a new law for consultation harms the legitimacy of requesting for a 902, which is a more appropriate forum for the Commonwealth as it shifts the balance of the conversation to our concerns instead of the Commonwealth commenting on military plans already in place."

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) earlier said the amendment to H.R. 1735 of this year's National Defense Authorization Act "actually strengthens, and does not 'undermine,' the position of state and commonwealth governments."

Sablan said the U.S. Department of Defense is already barred from any major land acquisition anywhere in the United States without first getting specific approval by Congress and the President, enacted in law.

"The 902 consultation is the highest degree of consultation

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BECQ hopes to work with Legislature to tackle watershed issues

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The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality brought together legislators and government heads yesterday to tackle solutions to the islands' water quality and watershed infrastructure issues.

According to BECQ watershed coordinator Kaitlin Mattos, with a shortage of local capacity issues, it was important to get that "legislative buy-in" to this initiative which helps address storm water runoff and dilapidated sewers, among others, that contribute to pollution

on island.

"It went really well," Mattos told *Saipan Tribune*. "We are really excited to have legislators support the initiative just by showing up. We did a walk-through [of] Garapan to discuss some of the infrastructure concerns there," she said, referring to the area's storm drainages, roads, and sewer maintenance.

Mattos said discussion revealed different tactics to tackle water quality issues and infrastructure maintenance within the entire island of Saipan.

"We are hoping we take these same type of conversations on Tinian and Rota as well," she said.

One of the needs that have been identified is the lack of capacity on island to address these issues.

"... We just don't have the capacity on island to do a lot of the work that needs to be done. [The meeting yesterday was] getting the legislative buy-in and getting their ideas on the table, basically getting everybody talking together," she said.

Mattos said they talked about strategic planning, whether through a working committee or just making sure permit decisions connect to water quality and watershed infrastructure information.

The need for public outreach was also discussed. This would make sure students know what a watershed is. The same current information could be provided to permit applicants.

Mattos said they also talked about working with private business and investors coming in to be good stewards of the environment.

Another issue brought up was the flooding in Kannat Tabla. "Each year we see that over and over again but we haven't managed to come up with a really comprehensive solution to fix it," she said.

Some solutions suggested

Military leaders gather in Hawaii to talk amphibious skills

HONOLULU (AP)—Amphibious military capabilities are on the agenda as the U.S. Marine Corps and Navy host defense leaders from around the Pacific in Hawaii this week.

The first-of-its kind meeting comes as territorial disputes over islands are growing more heated in the region.

U.S. treaty allies Japan and the Philippines are expected to attend along with U.S. partners like Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam. Altogether, 23 nations will join the meeting.

China wasn't invited, even though it has one of the region's

fastest-growing militaries. A U.S. law restricting the types of military exercises the U.S. and China may engage in together prevented China's inclusion, Marine Corps Col. Nathan Nastase said.

Organizers aim to discuss how the militaries may develop amphibious capabilities and operate together, Nastase said. They hope to find out what each country's amphibious needs are and learn how each nation might be able to help others.

"How can that potentially complement us or your neighbors or a group of like-minded

nations to help each other out? In times of crisis, in times of humanitarian disaster?" Nastase told reporters last week.

Participants will also have an opportunity to watch U.S. Marines and sailors demonstrate landing forces on a Hawaii beach.

Nastase, the director of plans and policies at U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, said participants range from South Korea, which has a large and capable marine corps, to Malaysia, which aspires to develop amphibious capabilities.

Japan's forces are in between:

It has been training soldiers in amphibious warfare during the past few years as it seeks to be able to defend small islands to its south in the East China Sea. Japan controls the rocky islets it calls Senkaku, but Beijing also claims them. China calls the islands Diaoyu.

Territorial disputes like this and another over a different set of small islands in the South China Sea are one factor prompting growing interest in amphibious training, said Tim Huxley, the executive director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies-Asia.

ments. So far we have 200 appointments but it is expected to increase as the program continues," Marchadesch said.

The adoption program is still in the planning process but right now there are 55 dogs in the shelter that will be sterilized this week. The adoption program is planned for Friday and Saturday.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said he appreciates the help of Animal Balance, Humane Society International, and Humane Society U.S. in coordinating the program.

As for funding, Apatang said that they will be looking around for money and try to work with HSI to do some kind of fundraising. He is also planning to request the Office of Insular Affairs for a grant.

"The operation here in Lower Base is for three days and would like to encourage the community to bring their pets here for the program. We will also be holding one at Kagman Community Center as well," he said.

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Support

Saipan Mayor's Office Dog Program manager Spencer Marchadesch said they received a lot of donations from the community and businesses during the sterilization program. They have yet to tally the numbers, however. Just the same, Marchadesch said they thank the contributors.

"We still have money coming in and it is a great cause and they understand the importance. People have been coming in to make appoint-

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Mafnas: Scanning equipment needed at ports

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Despite the increase in their revenues, the Division of Customs still doesn't have the ability to purchase equipment needed to secure the ton of cargo and baggage going into the islands.

Speaking at the Rotary Club of Saipan's weekly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, Customs Director Jose Mafnas highlighted the need for machines to scan the multitude of items coming in.

"My first and foremost mission now is to really seek funds so that we can get the proper equipment to place at the ports of entry," Mafnas said.

According to Mafnas, 6,000 containers (not including loose cargo), 540 vessels, 5,766 crew members, and 1,715 passengers passed through the seaport in fiscal year 2014. For the air-

port, 500,000 passengers, over a million checked in and hand-carry baggage, and about 5,397 flights passed through during the same timeframe.

With this overwhelming number, it is not surprising that the division is swamped with things to do, especially since everything is done manually.

"All these data that I gave you passed through Customs and we inspect it manually. We don't have any equipment to assist us," said Mafnas.

The Customs Division earned \$5.9 million in revenue last year because of the fines that they imposed on those who tried to evade taxes or tried to smuggle prohibited items into the CNMI. But even then, because it goes to the general fund, they couldn't afford to buy the machines.

More than \$600,000 is needed for the equipment that Maf-

nas eyes for the seaport and airport, including a portable x-ray and an ion scan.

"We just turned in an application for FEMA to see if we can get the equipment for the seaport," said Mafnas, speaking about the \$434,000 grant he requested.

Choking the 'beast'
Mafnas is appealing to everyone to realize the need for this equipment, particularly because of the important role ports play in terms of controlling and eliminating the entrance of methamphetamine or "ice" into the Commonwealth.

"[Crystal meth] is a beast that has been infiltrating our islands and I feel bad, I cringe even

mentioning it. As the person in charge of ensuring to protect our doors at the ports of entry, I feel bad that this stuff continue to penetrate us," Mafnas said.

With added equipment to check every single box or bag that arrives on the islands, Mafnas is positive that it can have an impact on the war against ice as well as combatting contraband.

"I cannot guarantee that I can stop the infiltration of contraband into the CNMI, or the drugs,

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"ice" especially. But I can almost guarantee that we can choke the infiltration and slow the process of the smugglers bringing in the drugs," he said.

"If we can choke the entry of

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the drugs, it will have a ripple effect. It will cause the cost of meth to go sky high, making it unaffordable for the user to purchase it outright and deter criminal elements," Mafnas added.

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CDA gauging values of their properties

The Commonwealth Development Authority is looking to gauge the value of all their 41 properties and moved yesterday to sell a lot in Talofofo for a price of \$64,000.

In a CDA board meeting yesterday, discussion revealed that the lot, which will be sold to a Mark Palacios, is being sold at the current market price. The buyer matched the value of the current appraisal completed this month.

The board was also asked to amend their directive on foreclosed property so that appraisals could be current for one year.

The board previously set appraisals at a six-month period.

But it was noted that an appraisal every six months could be "pricey."

This request was approved.

CDA and the board also discussed the request for proposals for their main building in Oleai. CDA is currently gauging interest in their building.

This appraisal value, though, was kept confidential and discussion was moved to an executive session.

CDA is currently updating the appraisal on 31 of their properties with their previous appraiser. The other appraisals for the other 10 properties are being put out to bid. (*Dennis B. Chan*)

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Tinian mayor seeks help on unexploded ordnance

Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, in a letter dated May 8, 2015, has requested the assistance of the Office of the Governor for investigation of the presence of World War II unexploded ordnances and other hazardous

materials located in a coral pit behind the Japanese Communication Building on Tinian. The site is within the boundary of the Proposed Range Complex B identified in the CJMT Draft Environmental Impact Study.

Under Article 9, Section B (Improvement: Restoration) of the 1984 Lease and Leaseback for Tinian, "with respect to Saipan and Tinian, the U.S. will correct damage including removal of unexploded

ordnance and exploded ordnance fragments introduced or uncovered by the United States during term of the lease agreement."

The investigation and removal of such ordnances and haz-

ardous materials is critical, San Nicolas said.

He pointed out that the CJMT DEIS did not identify this site and requests for historical arti-

facts found during the investigation to be returned to the Municipality of Tinian for display. (*Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan*)

Budget hearings to continue this week

After the cancellation of a budget hearing and a House session last week due to Typhoon Dolphine, the Legislature will continue to conduct the hearings this week.

Budget hearings have already been done for the Department of Public Works, Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Saipan Mayor's Office, and the Civil Service Commission.

The House Committee on

Ways and Means was supposed to hold a budget hearing for the Tinian Mayor's Office but it got canceled by the typhoon.

According to its calendar, the committee is set to hold hearings for the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and the Marianas Visitors Authority today, and the Department of Corrections and the Judiciary on Thursday.

Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan), who chairs the com-

mittee, earlier said the "bigger" government agencies will have first crack on the budget hearings.

It will be a juggling act for lawmakers, as the funding requests of the departments exceed the proposed budget of \$145.8 million by \$38.7 million.

Sablan said this means not all government departments will get the exact budget that they asked for.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos submitted a budget proposal of \$145.8 million to the Legisla-

ture, representing an increase of \$11.5 million, or 8.55 percent, from the budget of the previous fiscal year.

After adjusting for debt service appropriations, earmarked funds, and other legal obligations, the net resources available for general appropriation is \$145.82 million.

The budget was derived from the gross budgetary resources reported by the Secretary of Finance for fiscal year 2016 at \$183.55 million. (*Joel D. Pinaroc*)

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DCRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a DCRM Agency Officials Special Meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 10:00 AM** at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality conference room, Suite 205, Gualo Rai Center, Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- a) Call to Order
- b) Roll Call

II. PERMIT APPLICATION

1. H.S. Lee Hotel Project (CRM Permit Application No.SMS-2015-X-005)
 - a. Permit Application Summary
 - b. Discussion by DCRM Agency Officials and DCRM
 - c. Permit Determination
2. Villora Condotel Residence Project (CRM Permit Application No.SMS-2015-X-007)
 - a. Project Introduction by Micronesian Environmental Services
 - b. Discussions by DCRM Agency Officials and Director
 - c. Permit Application Status

III. ADJOURNMENT

Hotel occupancy rate at 84 pct. in April 2015

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 83.65 percent occupancy among 11 member-hotels for April 2015, a 10-percent increase compared to April 2014.

A total of 57,822 of 69,120 available room nights sold in

April 2015, compared to 50,901 of 69,090 of available room nights sold over the same period last year. Room rates were

Treasury OKs second tranche of funds for NMI's small business loan program

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REPORTER

The U.S. Department of Treasury will allow the CNMI to use the second tranche of funds for its State Small Business Credit Initiative before the deadline to use up the first tranche.

The SSBCI program, introduced to the CNMI in 2012, allocated \$13.2 million to the CNMI to be used for small business loans.

The allocation is divided into three tranches and the first tranche is set to expire this June.

"We have to expend 80 percent of the first \$4 million by June in order to qualify for the second tranche," press secretary Ivan Blanco said.

The CNMI, however, is currently only able to expend "a little over 20 percent" of the first \$4 million.

Blanco said he and other government representatives went to Washington, D.C., to attend a forum on the SSBCI and urge the U.S. Treasury to allow the CNMI government to use the second tranche.

"We are very fortunate that the U.S. Treasury agreed to extend or to qualify us to go for

the second tranche even if we did not yet meet the 80 percent," Blanco said.

The second tranche of funds for the SSBCI is also \$4 million.

He said U.S. Treasury "saw that we are making loans" and that the CNMI expects more small businesses to apply for loans from participating banks.

Blanco added that the U.S. Treasury understands the CNMI's situation. He also expressed some surprise at the low rate of businesses availing of the loan program. "I thought we needed money, right?" he said.

He said the participating banks—City Trust and Bank of Guam—are in the best position to give details on the number of applicants or entrepreneurs and the reason behind the low turnout.

"[The banks] are doing their due diligence to weed out which are the bad loans and the good [ones]," Blanco said.

Blanco said after 2017, or the completion of the SSBCI program, the CNMI can still use the money if there still some left, and if the U.S. Treasury allows the Commonwealth to do so.

He said the Inos administration is encouraging small businesses in the CNMI to avail of

the SSBCI loans.

No deadline has been given yet on the second tranche of funds.

In March 2012, the Department of Commerce was allocated \$13.2 million from the U.S. Treasury to fill lending gaps—mainly for otherwise creditworthy businesses that have shortfalls in collateral or cash flow in the initial stages of start-up or expansion.

The SSBCI program has several unique features, including the ability to guarantee loans to non-U.S. citizens and design deferred loan payments that enable the borrower to service bank loans while building cash flow for future full payments.

Retail businesses and small contractors are also excellent candidates for the program.

Early this month, the Commonwealth Development Authority added City Trust Bank as a depository of SSBCI funds.

CDA acts as a conduit of these SSBCI funds deployed by the U.S. Treasury. The program is bank-driven. Banks can turn to SSBCI for cash collateral or loan purchase support to assure their investment in the local businesses they loan to.

\$119.26 during the month, compared to \$113.35 last March.

"As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, HANMI renews its commitment to the community and the local economy," said HANMI chair Gloria Ca-

vanagh. "We represent many corporate members that have proven their dedication and loyalty to the Commonwealth. In order to achieve and maintain a healthy economy, we must always remain diversified and flexible to global changes. As an association, we look forward to providing the

backbone of our economy for the next 30 years."

So far this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average 87.78 percent, about 1 percent higher than last year. However, average room rates have increased by 8 percent compared to the same period last fiscal year. (HANMI)

Military training at FDM, Warning Area 517

ASAN, GUAM—The Navy and Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on May 20, from 10am to 2pm. The Navy will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 on May 20, from noon to 8pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All ves-

sels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. (PR)



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FIRST AMENDED ARFF BUILDING ROOF REPAIRS PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-002-15 CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting for sealed proposals for the repairs of the roof at the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Station at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. The work shall include all materials, labor and equipment necessary to achieve a finished product, including but not limited to the items in the scope of work and those shown on the layout.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Roof Repairs at the ARFF Station, CPA-SA-002-15". One original and four (4) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:30 PM, LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The proposer shall submit with their proposal the following:

1. Letter of interest;
2. Project Approach;
3. Construction Team;
4. Related past project performance (include commendations or certifications, if available);
5. Available resources to accomplish the project;
6. Cost proposal (in itemized SOW format); and
7. Valid CNMI Business License.

Proposers shall also with their proposal a statement of qualifications which should include résumés and experience of personnel that will be directly in charge of the project. Note that the contractor team that submits a proposal cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

A site visit may be requested by each proposer and will be coordinated with the ARFF personnel.

The Scope of Work (SOW) and layout may be picked up at the CPA Administration Office at no cost. Project approach and cost must be within the parameters of the established SOW. Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeded what is required by the SOW, will be grounds for immediate disqualification of the offeror's proposal package. An electronic copy of the layout can be made available upon request to Ms. Wendi Prater at email address wrprater@cpa.gov.mp.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 40-50-225. Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Total cost for construction	45%
2. Experience of the firm on similar or related projects	25%
3. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff	20%
4. Project Approach	10%

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Upon award, contractor shall execute performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract amount from a CPA approved surety prior to commencement of work.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120)** calendar days. Liquidated damages of \$200.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

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CNMI team wins awards at Mathleague nationals

Six CNMI high school students competed in the Mathleague.org high school national championship in Kansas City, Missouri, on May 15, 2015, along with their coach, Emanuel Borja.

The competition brought together approximately 25 schools, with 34 teams and 150 students coming from all over the United States.

Being the team that traveled the farthest to compete, the CNMI team was given special recognition for its participation.

In addition to this special recognition, the team garnered several awards for the CNMI.

This is the fifth year that the CNMI has competed in this competition, and the team did better than ever at this event.

The team was composed of Won Woo Choi (12th grade) and Won-Jun Kim (10th grade) from Marianas Baptist Academy; Donggu Hyon (11th grade) and Myungjae Cho (10th grade) from Saipan International School; and Hyun Bin Hwang (12th grade) and Joel Jang (11th grade) from Saipan Southern High School.

Hyun Bin Hwang earned ninth place and Won Woo Choi earned seventh place in the 12th grade individual category.

Myungjae Cho earned 10th place in the 10th grade individual category.

The team garnered fifth place in the "Sweepstakes" category, outperforming 20 of the competing schools. (PR)

NAP producers should report storm losses

Commercial agricultural producers in the CNMI who have signed up for the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program and were negatively impacted by Typhoon Dolphin may be eligible for disaster assistance through the Farm Service Agency.

Producers enrolled in the NAP program must notify FSA within 72 hours for hand-harvested crops and file a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) within 15 days upon loss becoming apparent under the new provisions of the 2014 Farm Bill.

The Notice of Loss is used to report failed acreage and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely notifying FSA within 72 hours for hand-harvested crops and within 15 days for all other crops is required following the occurrence of a disaster or when losses become apparent.

Producers may notify FSA within 72 hours by email, fax or phone. Information to be provided by producers for the 72-hour notice include:

- Producer name
- Crop affected
- Apparent date of the loss
- Cause of loss
- What will be done with the damaged crop
- What has been done with the damaged crop acreage.

To be eligible for NAP assistance, the following crop acreage information must be reported:

- Name of the crop (lettuce, clover, etc.);
- Type and variety (head lettuce, red clover, etc.);
- Location and acreage of the crop (field, sub-field, etc.);
- Share of the crop and the names of other producers with an interest in the crop;
- Type of practice used to grow the crop (irrigated or non-irrigated);
- Date the crop was planted in each field; and
- Intended use of the commodity (fresh, processed, etc.).

■ Producers should report crop acreage shortly after planting (early in the risk period) to ensure reporting deadlines are not missed and coverage is not lost.

In addition, producers with NAP coverage must provide the following production information:

The quantity of all harvested production of the crop in which the producer held an interest during the crop year;

The disposition of the harvested crop, such as whether it is marketable, unmarketable, salvaged, or used differently than intended; and

Verifiable or reliable crop production records (when re-

quired by FSA).

When those records are required, producers must provide them in a manner that can be easily understood by the FSA county committee. Producers should contact FSA for questions regarding acceptable production records.

Failure to report acreage and production information for NAP-covered crops may result in reduced or zero NAP assistance. Producers should contact the FSA office where their farm records are maintained for questions regarding local acreage reporting and

final planting dates.

For aquaculture, floriculture and ornamental nursery operations, producers must maintain records according to industry standards, including daily crop inventories. Producers should contact the FSA office regarding these requirements.

For more information or to file a Notice of loss, call the FSA Guam County Office at (671) 472-7568. Producers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands may dial toll free (670) 234-0896. (USDA)

Lack of experts on 'special education' burdening school system—Attao

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The lack of experts on "special education" and related services is burdening the Public School System, according to Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" Attao (Ind-Saipan).

In the CNMI, the PSS administers "special education" to individuals with disabilities—from 3 years old to 21 years old—and provides related services such as speech language pathology, audiology services, interpreting services, psychological services, physical and occupational therapy, among many others.

Those needing special

education often includes individuals with autism, other learning and intellectual disabilities, and those suffering from hearing, speech, and visual impairment, among other physical disabilities.

Attao said PSS often recruits specialists from off-island because the CNMI does not have local practitioners of these specialized skills. Most often, the specialist has a master's degree to qualify.

A major concern is that the specialist often leaves the CNMI after only one or two contract periods, Attao said.

The lack of specialists has prompted Attao to introduce House Bill 19-61 ("Related

Service Providers Scholarship Act of 2015"), which seeks to establish a scholarship program for special education and related fields.

Unlike existing scholarship programs, the administration is required to submit an annual report to the Office of the Governor and to the Legislature, and to have a "sunset" provision.

Generally, Attao's bill is similar to the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance.

Attao, however, said the main difference is that beneficiaries will be required by law to return to the CNMI and practice these related services for special education for a period

of two years for each year of scholarship assistance.

Attao's bill also allocates \$10,000 (maximum) per semester for students enrolling in a master's degree program (with an accredited U.S. institution) for a period of three years.

If the beneficiary fails to complete this obligation, he or she must remit the funds back to PSS.

Attao's bill also seeks to allocate \$300,000 from the PSS budget annually to be used for the scholarship.

If his bill is passed into law, Attao said the annual budget will be drawn from PSS starting in fiscal year 2017.



MEMORIAL WEEK

Gov. Eloy S. Inos is joined by Military Liaison and Veteran's Affairs director Vicente C. Camacho, lawmakers, Cabinet members, and veterans on Monday after proclaiming May 18 to May 25 as "Memorial Week" in recognition of those who defended the nation's security and democracy and paid the ultimate price. "Memorial Week" will culminate in "Memorial Day" on May 25 with a ceremony at the CNMI Veteran's Cemetery.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND PROTOCOL OFFICE

Family visits site where Jack's remains were found



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The parents and family members of Traina Suda Jack visited yesterday afternoon the jungle area near Obyan Beach, where the remains of the 18-year-old were found.

As this developed, the family decided to reset to Tuesday instead of this Thursday the burial of Jack's remains at Tanapag Cemetery.

Rocky Jack Suda, 40, burst into tears after she laid flowers on the site where the remains of her daughter were found in the jungle area located about 15 feet from the shoulder of the road.

The site was about 300 to 400 feet away from the intersection

or entrance of the road leading to Obyan Beach.

Suda's other children and relatives were also in tears as they gathered around the site.

Suda later picked up some stones that she put on the site where she laid the flowers. Other family members also wrote something on the ground using sticks.

"I really feel the pain when I saw the site where my daughter was lying," the mother told *Saipan Tribune* later.

Jack's father, Sintosi Suda, remained on the road as he has leg injuries.

Sintosi Suda said that when he read the news last week about human remains

being found near Obyan Beach, he already felt that was his daughter.

Sintosi Suda said that when he saw police officers approach their house in Chinatown last Wednesday, he started to cry because he already knew.

He appealed to the killer to surrender to authorities so his daughter can rest in peace.

The father said he has already forgiven the killer because that person "does not know the Bible."

Sintosi Suda said their origi-

FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Rocky Jack Suda offers flowers yesterday afternoon on the ground in a jungle area near Obyan Beach, where the remains of her 18-year-old daughter Traina was found last May 11. Suda's husband, their children, and some relatives also visited the site for the first time yesterday.

nal plan was to immediately bury the remains this Thursday, but when they visited the Department of Public Safety yesterday morning, they were told that they could not see the remains, which are being stored in the evidence room, because the officer in charge is currently in Guam for training.

He said they were advised to return on Tuesday.

He said they want to bury the

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Civil Action No. 11-0078
Plaintiff, vs. NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE
MICHAEL R. MUÑA and MILA L. MUÑA, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 17th day of September, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 10th day of June, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 010 K 04, containing an area of 892 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 010 K 01 dated August 19, 1987 and filed at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on August 19, 1987 as File No. 87-2911.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. **Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

- withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted
- to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
- to reject any and all bids.

2. **Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rtlaw@pticom.com.

3. **Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Marianas Public Land Trust.

4. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Marianas Public Land Trust reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 14th day of May, 2015.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

remains immediately that day (Tuesday) because their daughter had been dead for several months already.

Sintosi Suda believes that police will soon catch the killer.

A cattle manager at the Torres farm saw the remains in the jungle area last May 11.

Guam chief medical examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola's autopsy did not reveal any type of identifiable trauma such as fracture, stab, or gunshot.

Jack was last seen walking in San Antonio on Oct. 22, 2014. The mother filed an official missing person's complaint with DPS on Oct. 26, 2014.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Maureen Basa) FCD-DI CIVIL
Deleon Guerrero) ACTION
Petitioner,) NO. 12-0476
)
) SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
vs.)
Edward Cabrera)
Deleon Guerrero)
Respondent,)

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 5508 CHRB as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 27th day of April, 2015.

/s/ Clerk of Court

Name: Theodora Loray Falcon
Address: P.O. Box 502627, CK
Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone No.: (670) 235-1425

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the) FCD CN
Petition for the) CIVIL ACTION
Change of Name of:) NO. 15-0231
)

Theodora Loray) NOTICE OF
Falcon) HEARING
Petitioner)

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on June 25, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2015.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/
By: Deputy Clerk of Court

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) VACANT PROPERTIES - PORT OF SAIPAN CPA-RFP-002-15

APRIL 16, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY IS ACCEPTING SEALED PROPOSALS, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (THE "RFP") AND OTHER CONTRACT PROVISIONS, FOR AWARDING A LEASE CONTRACT FOR ONE, TWO AND/OR THREE REAL PROPERTY LEASES ON AUTHORITY PROPERTY ON SAIPAN, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. THE AUTHORITY HAS THREE (3) VACANT PROPERTY LOTS AVAILABLE FOR LEASE IN AN AREA ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL.

THIS RFP IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 40-50, PROCUREMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS OF TITLE 40 OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ("NMIC"). TITLE 40, INCLUDING CHAPTER 40-50-225, REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, IS APPLICABLE TO THE PROCESS FOLLOWED BY THE RFP.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROPERTY DETAILS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 2ND FLOOR – ARRIVAL TERMINAL AT THE FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAI PAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEGINNING APRIL 22, 2015, BETWEEN 7:30 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M.

PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE AUTHORITY AT THE FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAI PAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, 2ND FLOOR – ARRIVAL BUILDING, SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS NO LATER THAN 4:30 PM ON JUNE 8TH, 2015.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ By: MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Executive Director

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Annabelle C. Plummer) FCD-DI
Petitioner,) CIVIL ACTION
vs.) NO. 15-0016
Eric D. Plummer) SUMMONS FOR
Respondent) PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner, whose address is P.O. Box 506507, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

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Dated this 27th day of April, 2015.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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Opinion

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Mixed grades: The jobs report card offers little to brag about

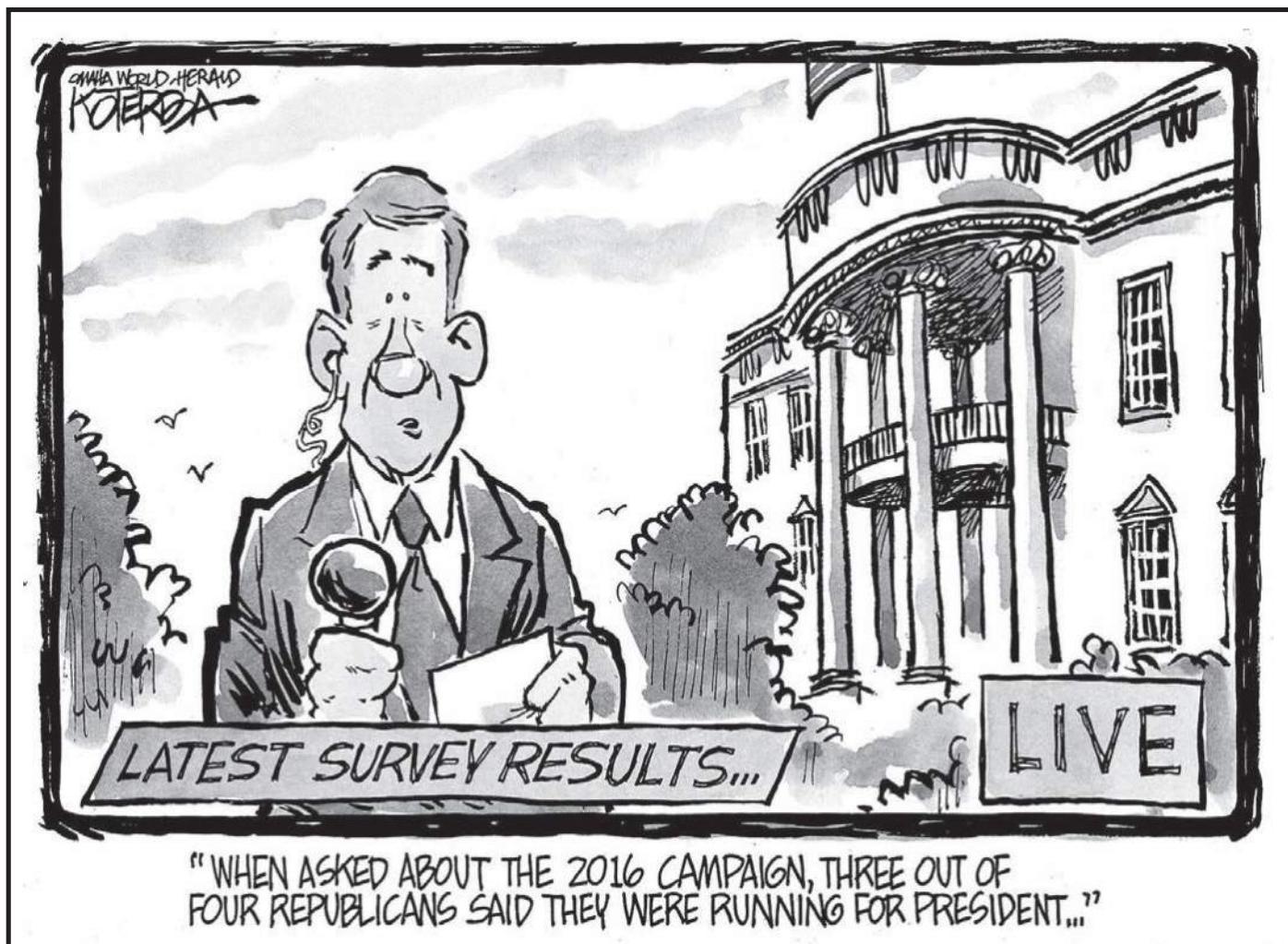


At first glance, the nation's jobs report for April, released on Friday, appeared positive, until you looked below the surface—the already-disappointing job creation figures for March had to be adjusted downward and wages in April had barely inched up.

A respectable 223,000 jobs were created last month, while the unemployment rate ticked down by one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.4 percent. That was an improvement over March's depressing figure of 126,000 new jobs, which was revised down to 85,000 in the April report. Therefore, in March-April the economy averaged only 154,000 jobs created per month, barely enough to cover the monthly 150,000 people who start looking for jobs.

Wages showed only a 0.1 percentage point rise in April, for an annual growth rate so far of 2.2 percent, only slightly above inflation. That means average American workers scarcely gained ground at all. Meanwhile, a different report last week showed that the nation's top 25 hedge fund managers—all men, no women—had compensation in 2014 of \$11.6 billion, or \$464 million each.

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Can the govt reduce poverty while also slashing the budget?

An important but often neglected debate broke out in Washington last week: Which political party can do more for the nation's poor?

The occasion was a conference at Georgetown University on how religious groups can alleviate poverty. It turned into an opportunity for a spirited exchange between a leading thinker in the Republican Party's reform camp, Arthur C. Brooks of the American Enterprise Institute, and a noted leader in the Democratic Party, President Obama.

In little more than an hour, Obama and Brooks succeeded in identifying a few encouraging points of common ground between the two parties _ among people of goodwill, at least. They also ran up against one basic difference that separates them _ and that will remain an obstacle to federal efforts to help families left behind in a winner-take-all economy.

First, the good news: Obama and Brooks agreed that poverty is a problem that both parties should address, that its causes are both economic and cultural and that federal programs can do more.

"The stereotype is that you've got folks on the left who just want to pour more money into social programs, and don't care anything about culture or parenting," Obama said. "And then you've got cold-heart free-market capitalist types who are reading Ayn Rand and think everybody are moochers. And I think the truth is more complicated."

Brooks, breaking ranks with some conservatives, said federal "safety net" programs have been essential to protect the poor.

"It's time to declare peace on the safety net," he said. "In fact, the social safety net is one of the greatest achievements of free enterprise. ... We should be proud of that."

And both men agreed to a tacit cease-fire in the debate over whether the principal cause of poverty is a broken economic system, or the broken culture of poor families.

"This is not an either/or conversation; it is a both/and," Obama said. "The reason we get trapped in the either/or conversation is because all too often, (conservatives) have used the rationale that 'character matters' ... as a rationale for the disinvestment in public goods."

But with that statement, Obama dispensed with all the kumbaya and got around to the seemingly unbridgeable gap that divides the two major parties.

To Obama, the problem is that Republicans will talk about poverty, but they won't spend money to back up their words.

Brooks and other reform conservatives say they're willing to spend more money on poverty alleviation _ for example, wage subsidies to encourage employers to hire more minimum-wage work-

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ers _ but they still want federal spending to shrink overall.

"If you talk to any of my Republican friends, they will say ... they care about the poor _ and I believe them," Obama said. "But when it comes to actually establishing budgets, making choices, prioritizing, that's when it starts breaking down."

Brooks answered in kind. "Let's have a rumble over how much money we're spending on public goods for poor people, for sure," he said. "But we can't even get to that when politicians on the left and the right are conspiring to not touch middle-class entitlements." (He meant Social Security and Medicare, mainly.)

"The right (is) saying all the money is gone on this. And the left is saying all we need is a lot more money on top of these things." But more spending, he warned, is "leading us to fiscal unsustainability."

At least in theory, there's still room for deal-making here. A few creative Republicans have been willing to consider cutting taxes on the working poor at the cost of modestly higher taxes on some of the affluent. A few creative Democrats have been willing to consider trimming the growth of Social Security and Medicare to free up funds for the truly needy.

We're unlikely to hear much of that kind of bipartisanship in a primary campaign that, so far, has driven candidates on both sides to reaffirm their partisan credentials.

Still, voters can use the broad outlines of this debate to frame questions for presidential hopefuls over the next 17 months.

If, like Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio, you say you want to do something for the poor, how serious is that commitment if you also plan to shrink domestic spending? If, like Hillary Rodham Clinton, you believe an activist federal government can do more, would you merely increase spending _ or would you look for savings by trimming other programs?

Indeed, voters may soon be asking some version of those questions. In New Hampshire, moderate Republicans _ abetted by Robert D. Putnam, the Harvard professor whose recent book, "Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis," helped energize this debate _ say they plan to show up at candidates' events demanding to know what they would do about the poor.

The two parties still start with different premises about the proper size and role of government. That's not going to change.

But if candidates on both sides are willing to put poverty unapologetically on their agendas, that will count as progress. Until recently, national politicians rarely talked about the poor.

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Excursion to a garden

It was an imaginary trip to a garden nestled in a deep valley below Mt. Tagpochau. What's oddly unique with the visit was the sheer neatness of the place, as though one of my ancestors came by earlier to tidy it up.

Under huge shady branches of monkeypod trees peep majestic sunrays radiating and descending into the verdant strand below. There were lush tall ferns that stood proudly under shades of huge branches. It seemed to have been planted and lined along a path to nearby fruit trees. Behind were fiery red flame tree flowers that must have been blazing through the night.

The garden was neat and, equally fragile, I was resigned to walking about freely. I didn't want to break a branch or disturb anything in it. So I took a seat near the trunk of a tree enjoying the whip of the trade winds upstairs pulling the hair of every coconut branch nearby.

Birds came by dancing in and out of branches. Each has music with different messages throughout the day. At a distance were white doves gliding out to sea while rainbows chase dark clouds gathering storm in the horizon. Then I heard the ghostly cry of a nocturnal deer nearby. It has superior sense of smell so it isn't coming anywhere near the garden. I wondered if there were wild boars in the vicinity. A big one would mean climbing a huge tree.

My mind weaves in and out of our ancestral days when our old folks built thatch houses right in the garden. It usually faces the windward side of the island so the house is sufficiently ventilated throughout the day. The kitchen downstairs also serves as temporary corral for farm animals during inclement weather. The dual purpose made sense.

A water well was dug nearby. It is so designed so you could

hear steps descending or ascending. It makes for a healthy walk up and down the stairs. If mom wants more of it for her kitchen use, you must abide by her request. That you had to fetch from downstairs brings home sensible use of water!

The trip to a simple setting gave a quick glimpse of changes in our lifestyle from traditional farming and fishing to jobs in both sectors. Life was simple and practical then. But someone started chasing the Jones' and we all fell into the rat race. Life was never the same since. In the back of my mind there was a yearning for the simpler days or idyllic rural life, though we can't turn back the hands of time. But we were happy campers then with what little we had a long time ago.

Communing with nature was a planned break to reassess our journey filled with excitement and share of disappointments. But the excursion is one of "aesthetic" experience to regroup and be whole once more. Leaving, I could see ants industriously moving food into their tunnel. It's back to square one!

Learning English

A long time ago we started learning English, broken as they were in our bouts with it. But we held on to the opportunity so we could sound like stateside Americans. It was hip to speak English twisting your tongue into unusual slurs so you sound cool. More often than not, we end up with tons of mispronunciations. It was one rough journey.

In flag ceremonies, we'd sing the *Star Spangled Banner*. The only thing clear was, "O say can you see, by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed..." After the word "hailed" everything was mumbled and garbled. The Navy admiral thought we sang it in Chamorro. Sorry, admiral. That was our bilingual rendition!

fully yielded the whole time and floor to the elderly! The *man'amko* did their best. Even though there were some bleeps, they just caused hearty laughter among the forgiving audience.

Among the ladies, Mrs. Rosa Ebanes, Mrs. Minerva Machanoy, and Virginia Mallare presented their national costumes, with gracious movements that touched people's hearts. Following the designer's vision, they looked really beautiful.

Among the men, Mr. Diego Pua presented the Spanish colonial style of dressing, moving on the stage freely. By the way, he is a good friend of mine, lives in Tanapag and is a good father. Mr. Asuncion worked the stage hard and as graciously as possible, presenting the Philippine costume. It was kind of interesting, too!

While enjoying the concert, I caught myself being a little sad. Some *man'amko* couldn't attend the event due to the lack of money. Some of them had no means of transportation to share the evening with us. For some of them, evening shows are out, due to their age-related circumstances. Some of them told me earlier that they would not be able to drive evening hours. I hope our active Aging Office administration and the Man'amko Advisory Council will find ways to be of help to them next time.

Teddy Guiao

Lower Navy Hill, Saipan

It's not the govt's job to run the lives of people, businesses

I wanted to bring something to your attention, in regards to the letter "Best method for CNMI's marijuana industries."

Reading over this, it was clear that the people of Saipan, just like in America, have lost their way with a real understanding of what the JOB of government is!

Saipan is an American commonwealth, and if Saipan really wants to dig deeper into the truth of what the American founders had in mind for government, they said it is not the job of government to run the lives of people, but to run the country.

Even Ronald Reagan said it's the job of government to protect the people, not run their lives either.

So when reading over this business of what's best for Saipan and this marijuana industry, it is to allow the people to run their life in regards to this and for the government stay out of it!

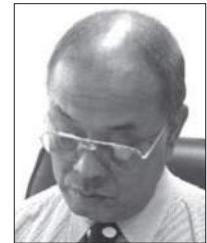
The government should not be involving itself in the business lives of the private sector of people.

Reading over this article all I could see is governmental control, just another aspect of government wanting to get their hands on something they have no business in.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



A former police officer laughs at the traffic citation he issued in the late '50s that was thrown out of court. He said he wrote down, "Did not spot at the spot sing"—stop at the stop sign. He said the judge probably thought it was a spelling bee!

A Navy inspector was doing homestead inspection during the Naval Administration. He saw a woman changing the baby's diaper. He said, "Nice baby!" in polite gesture. My aunt thought he was referring to her anatomy downstairs, which sounds quite close to baby. Laughter.

An uncle doesn't read English. At a grocery store he found a cart full of cat food on sale. He thought it was canned tuna. He bought it all. Later he blamed his wife for "not looking me." *Dios mihu!*

A friend who never ate at a restaurant before decided it was better to follow whatever his friend orders. After his choice was taken the waiter asked, "How would you like your eggs, sir?" Said he, "I like it very much!"

So if Saipan really wants to stand out as a part of America, maybe it's time that the government that runs Saipan should start really considering how the American government is supposed to be run, and then Saipan can start setting this example of running it the right way. Because government wanting to get in on the marijuana industry for whatever reason is all the wrong reasons. That is *not* the job of a government, let me make that very clear!

You want to have a good government on Saipan? Then learn to run one like the Founding Fathers of America drafted! A nation that runs its country, not the lives or business of its people!

The problem is, America has been running the lives of the American people for so long, I'm not sure people can understand anymore what the government is and isn't suppose to be doing!

But the facts were made very clear by the Founding Fathers: Anything to do with running a person's life is not the job of government!

So don't make the same excuses that America makes, that we need to do this to protect people, because that is not truth, truth is the government creates laws, just like drinking laws, as they would then apply to marijuana from a store, just like an adult buying liquor from a liquor store, and then if anyone violates these laws—like selling marijuana in a licensed marijuana store to a minor as example—then you enforce the law, as the law should be made to protect, but certainly not the government running the show!

Cho Lee

via email

Walking on a thin line

I am writing this simple letter seeking advise on the status of our great governor of this great Commonwealth. First, I never see him or know of him working from 7:30am to 4:30pm on regular working days. It's very, very, very hard to meet him since he became governor. I thought that he was for the people. All his staff at his administration are very political. I thought that I voted for him so that politics would stop in all government agencies starting with him but, oh no, its worse than past administrations.

Secondly, is the governor still capable of doing his constitutional duties? Become most of the time, it's the lieutenant governor that does the works. I think that, as a young indigenous voter, the best bet is for the governor to step down and resign and tend to his health first and foremost. I heard from sources that he is not capable of doing his job or work at the Governor's Office and that he does all his work at home. Even his dialyses is being done at home. So I think that, as a young voter from Precinct 1, let us urge all voters to encourage the governor to resign. I picture him as a governor walking on a very thin line.

Ignacio Deleon Guerrero

Dandan, Saipan

MIXED

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Another discouraging figure was the U.S. trade deficit, which reached \$51.4 billion, the highest in six and a half years. The shortfall in U.S. exports to imports jumped \$15.5 billion, or 43 percent, from February's \$35.9 billion.

What are Americans to make of this? First, the economy is creating jobs, but at a disappointing rate. Second, the rich (and not just hedge fund managers) are doing well while the middle class' standard of living is stuck in low gear. Third, the United States is performing poorly on international trade.

Now is the perfect time for the 2016 presidential candidates to tell the public what they would do about these economic problems if elected—in practical specifics, not fuzzy exhortations.

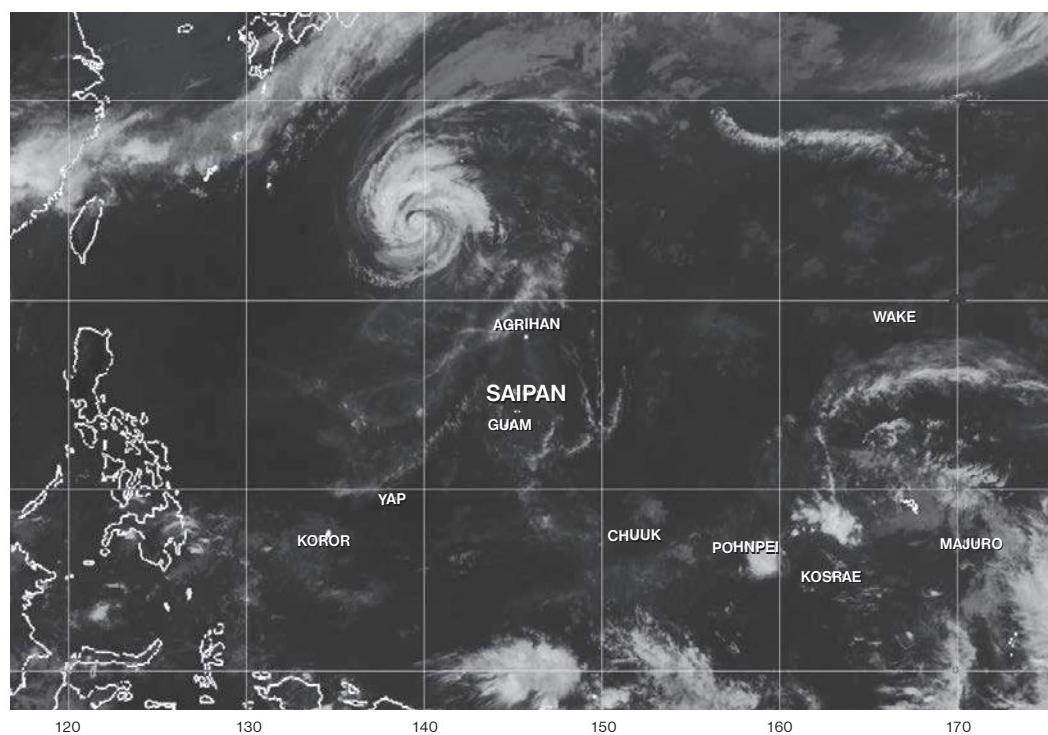
The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Dolphin (07W) is centered 835 miles north-northwest of Guam near 25N130E moving northeast at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 85 mph. Showers and isolated thunderstorms are north of 22N from 137E to 143E. For information on Typhoon Dolphin see bulletins issued by The Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and The National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. Convergent surface winds along the equator are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southwest of Chuuk south of 2N from 142E to 156E. A surface trough near Pohnpei is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms just southeast of Pohnpei and north of Kosrae within 50 miles of a line from 5N139E to 8N163E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers just north of Kwajalein within 75 miles of a line from 12N164E to 9N170E. A tropical disturbance is centered east of Butaritari near 2N178E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are south of 6N from 170E to 180E mostly southeast of Majuro.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 85	▼ 80
Palau	Mostly Sunny	▲ 89	▼ 79
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85	▼ 76
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 82
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86	▼ 83

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London	Thundershowers	▲ 58	▼ 44
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69	▼ 55
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 92	▼ 79
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 61	▼ 50
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87	▼ 75
New York	Thundershowers	▲ 75	▼ 58
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80	▼ 56
Paris	Showers	▲ 62	▼ 45
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 73	▼ 55
Rome	Sunny	▲ 81	▼ 62
Salem	Cloudy	▲ 72	▼ 52
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 58	▼ 52
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 77	▼ 52
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79	▼ 61
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87	▼ 62

Tides

4:14 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
9:11 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
4:29 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.4 Feet
11:23 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:48 AM	6:40 PM
Thursday	5:48 AM	6:40 PM
Friday	5:48 AM	6:41 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:41 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:41 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:30 AM	8:39 PM
Thursday	8:24 AM	9:31 PM
Friday	9:18 AM	10:20 PM
Saturday	10:10 AM	11:06 PM
Sunday	11:00 AM	11:48 PM

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DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS				
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN				
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN				
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN				
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ623	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ624	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				

Nominations sought for MINA's 2015 Green Awards

The Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance is seeking nominations for its "Green Awards," which will be presented at the organization's annual Green Gala on Sept. 4, 2015. The Green Awards recognize individuals, companies, and

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The Green Awards include:

■ **The Environmental Champion Award**, given to

an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the environment and preservation of our natural resources.

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- 1) Your name and contact information;
- 2) Your nominee and the category you are nominating in; and
- 3) One-page narrative explaining why your nominee should receive a Green Award.

The deadline for submitting nominations is June 15, 2015.

For more information, contact Brooke Nevitt at 233-7333 or email brookenevitt.mina@gmail.com. (**MINA**)

Samoa hosts deep sea minerals policy and legislation training

APIA, Samoa—The government of Samoa is hosting this week a regional workshop on deep sea minerals policy and legislative drafting organized with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

Funded by the European Union, the training workshop is bringing together 60 government representatives from 13 Pacific Island countries to improve their understanding of the international legal regime for deep sea minerals activities and their policy formulation and legislative drafting skills.

As global interest in deep sea minerals increases, particularly in the Pacific region, effective policy and legal development are seen as vital to ensure that any deep sea mineral activities are conducted and managed in compliance with international standards and best environmental practices.

The three major deep sea

mineral deposits that are attracting commercial interest include seafloor massive sulfides (which contain high concentrations of metals such as copper, gold, silver, zinc and lead), manganese nodules and cobalt-rich crusts.

All three mineral deposits occur in the Exclusive Economic Zones of many Pacific Island countries and are increasingly being recognized as a potential source of revenue and economic development.

"This workshop is aligned with one of the strategic objectives of the Deep Sea Minerals Project, which is to prepare Pacific Island countries wanting to engage in deep sea mining activities to effectively regulate and manage the activities carried out under their responsibility," Tawake said.

The intensive workshop is taking place from May 18 to 22 in Apia as part of the SPC-European Union Deep Sea Minerals Project: <http://gsd.spc.int/dsm/>. The project involves 13 Pacific Community members who are part of the Africa-Caribbean-Pacific grouping. (**SPC**)

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE CNMI JOINT MILITARY TRAINING DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The U.S. military is extending the public comment period for the CNMI Joint Military Training Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/ Overseas EIS (OEIS) an additional 60 days until August 3, 2015 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (August 4, 2015, Chamorro Standard Time [ChST]). A Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Meetings was published in the Federal Register on Monday, April 3, 2015. Three public meetings took place on Wednesday, April 29, 2015; Thursday, April 30, 2015 and Friday, May 1, 2015. The initial notice announced a 60-day Draft EIS/OEIS public comment period and requested the submission of all comments by June 3, 2015 ChST.

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Interested agencies, individuals, and groups may mail their comments to:

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Accountant

Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 3 years work experience in financial management for a logistics/supply chain business or agency operations. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics systems. Must have expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

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Associate's Degree with at least 3 years of distribution and warehousing supervisory experience. Knowledge of household goods handling and airfreight and oceanfreight operations is required. Proficiency in Warehouse management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

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Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of shipping, receiving and warehousing supervisory experience is required. Proficiency in shipping operations, shipping documentation & cargo management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, 49 CFR & IMDG Code is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines. Knowledge of bill of lading, scheduling and planning inbound and outbound shipments is a must.

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Business

Court agrees Samsung copied Apple, but tosses some damages

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A federal appeals court has upheld a jury's finding that Samsung illegally copied some patented features in Apple's iPhone, but it sided with Samsung on one point that could reduce the \$930 million in damages the South Korean company had been ordered to pay.

The ruling, coming three years after an epic courtroom battle between two tech industry giants, could mean yet another trial over a portion of damages representing more than a third of the total award. Legal experts, however, say the rivals may be more inclined to negotiate a settlement this time around.

"When this case was first filed, it was a big deal. But I don't think the litigation has served all the purposes that Apple and Samsung originally desired," said Michael Carrier, a Rutgers law professor who has followed the dispute closely.

In its decision Monday, the U.S. Federal Circuit Court of Appeals upheld most of the findings made by a California federal jury in 2012. The jury concluded that several models of Samsung smartphones and

tablets had illegally copied the iPhone and infringed on some of Apple's patents for technology and design—including touch-screen controls that let users "pinch" or "double-tap" to shrink or enlarge an image. Although it upheld the patent claims, the Washington, D.C.-based appeals court said Apple wasn't entitled to damages for its claims that Samsung had copied the iPhone's "trade dress" or overall appearance.

The long-running case was one of several lawsuits in which Apple, Samsung and other tech companies locked horns in a global battle for pre-eminence in the smartphone market. Today the smartphone business is still booming, but the battles have largely shifted away from the legal arena.

While Apple won large monetary awards by arguing that Samsung copied some of its products, it had less success in persuading courts to issue injunctions that would have kept Samsung's versions off the market. But since then, the California company's latest iPhone models have been phenomenally popular—and profitable—while Samsung has lost ground



In this Aug. 6, 2014 file photo, a poster advertises Samsung Electronics' Galaxy S5 LTE-A, right, and Apple's iPhone 5s at a mobile phone shop in Seoul, South Korea. AP

in key markets to competitors ranging from Apple to China's Xiaomi.

Samsung and Apple agreed last year to settle all patent disputes still pending outside the

United States. Some experts believe the companies were awaiting the outcome of appeals in two U.S. cases before settling here.

Monday's ruling orders a trial court in San Jose, California, to

reconsider about \$382 million in damages that jurors previously awarded for the "trade dress" claims, which involved six models of Samsung phones. Santa Clara University law pro-

fessor Brian Love said Apple could still argue it's entitled to those damages, however, since the same models were also found to have infringed on patents.

The same case has already seen one retrial: After a judge cut \$450 million from an original damage award of more than \$1 billion, a second jury restored the total to about \$930 million.

Apple declared vindication again on Monday.

"This is a victory for design and those who respect it," the company said in a statement.

Samsung representatives did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Shoppers could soon have difficulty finding meat's origin

WASHINGTON (AP)—Shoppers could soon have a harder time finding out where some of their red meat comes from.

The World Trade Organization ruled Monday that U.S. "country of origin" labels on certain cuts of red meat put Canadian and Mexican livestock at a disadvantage, rejecting a U.S. appeal after a similar WTO decision last year. The current labels on packages of steaks and some other meats say where the animals were born, raised and slaughtered.

The Obama administration has already revised the labels once to try to comply with previous WTO rulings in favor of Canada and Mexico. Now that the re-

vised labels have also been struck down, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack says Congress will have to change the law to avoid retaliation—such as extra tariffs—from the two neighbor countries.

"Congress has got to fix this problem," Vilsack said after the decision. "They either have to repeal (country of origin labeling) or modify and amend it."

Though the ruling went against the U.S., it's a victory for the U.S. meat industry, which has said the labels are costly because of segregation of livestock and record keeping. After the decision, meat processors quickly called for a full repeal of the labeling laws.

Canada and Mexico issued a joint statement also calling on the United States to repeal the labeling rules. The two countries said they will seek authorization from the WTO to take retaliatory measures against U.S. exports.

The joint statement of Canadian and Mexican agriculture and trade officials said the rules cause Canadian and Mexican livestock and meat to be segregated from those of U.S. origin—a costly process that has forced some U.S. companies to stop buying exports.

The labeling is "damaging to North America's supply chain and is harmful to producers and processors in all three countries,"

the officials said.

The two countries said they would "continue to work closely" on the issue with the United States.

The National Farmers Union, a farm group that has backed the country of origin labels, said negotiations would be better than congressional intervention.

"As we have seen in other disputes, once decisions are handed down, WTO members often work together to find a solution that will work for them," said National Farmers Union President Roger Johnson. "In this case, such a solution must involve continuation of a meaningful country-of-origin labeling requirement."

Greek finance minister says bailout deal is very close

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis said Monday that he expects an agreement with bailout creditors within the next week, which would save the cash-strapped country from fast-approaching bankruptcy.

"I think we are very close," Varoufakis said. "Let's say (it's a matter) of about a week."

For almost four months, Greece's radical left-led government has been haggling with its creditors from the 19-country eurozone and International Monetary Fund over economic reforms it must make to secure a 7.2 billion euro (\$8 billion) cash injection.

That is the final payment due from the country's 240 billion-euro bailout program, launched five years ago after Greece's public finances spiraled out of control and it was locked out of international bond markets.

In a late-night interview with private Star TV, Varoufakis said creditors also appear to believe that the time is ripe for a deal. But he insisted that he would reject any compromise that the radical left-led government in Athens considers to be "non-viable."

Earlier, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said the country has tabled detailed proposals for a viable deal. But he warned that Greece is in a

state of "financial strangulation."

Over the past few weeks, Greece has survived by scraping together cash from reserve accounts to pay debts as well as day-to-day commitments like wages and pensions.

However, Athens admits it is running out of options as further debt repayments come due next month. If no deal is agreed, Tsipras' government may be faced with a choice of what to pay, imposing capital controls or even leaving the euro.

"I assure you that if we face a dilemma between paying a creditor who refuses to sign an agreement with us and a pen-

sioner, we will pay the pensioner," Varoufakis said. "I hope we will be able to pay both."

Tsipras also faulted Greece's creditors for the liquidity crunch.

"The lack of liquidity is neither the choice nor the responsibility of the Greek government," he said. "It is a tough negotiating tactic of our partners, and I do not know whether everybody in Europe feels proud of it."

Government spokesman Gabriel Sakellaridis said that to honor its debt obligations this summer, Greece needs more financial assistance. As a result, Sakellaridis expects a deal with creditors "by the end of May."

Bird flu could cost nearly \$1B in Minnesota and Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—Bird flu could cost nearly \$1 billion in the economies of the two states hardest hit, Minnesota and Iowa, agricultural economists said Monday, and the virus is still spreading.

Iowa, the nation's leading egg producer, has lost about 20 million chickens that lay eggs for food use, more than a third of the total. Minnesota, the top turkey state has lost more than 8 million birds.

So far the U. S. Department of Agriculture has confirmed the bird flu has claimed nearly 37 million birds in 15 states but the number is significantly larger because additional farms in Iowa and Minnesota recently discovered are not yet on the list.

The figures include birds killed by the virus as well as those killed to prevent its spread.

On Saturday, Rembrandt Foods announced that chickens at its second farm, an egg facility in Renville, Minnesota, had tested positive for the virus. About 2 million chickens will

be euthanized. The company, one of the largest egg producers in the U.S., had to destroy 5.5 million chickens on its Rembrandt, Iowa, farm after the flu turned up there last month.

"Avian Influenza is a challenge to not only the Rembrandt Foods' business, but also its co-workers, customers, the communities in which it operates, and to the widespread industry as a whole," Jonathan Spurway, a company spokesman, said in a statement.

Minnesota's estimated loss of nearly \$310 million in poultry production includes sales losses to feed suppliers, trucking companies, and processing plants, said Brigid Tuck, a senior economic impact analyst with the University of Minnesota in Mankato.

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LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
18,298.88	2,129.20	5,078.44
+26.32	+6.47	+30.15
+0.14%	+0.30%	+0.60%

EXCHANGE RATES

Australian Dollar	1.2508	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7514	Philippine Peso	44.495
British Pound	0.6387	Indian Rupee	63.665	Singapore Dollar	1.3279
Canadian Dollar	1.2132	Indonesian Rupiah	13178.5	South Korean Won	1091.09
Chinese Yuan	6.2037	Japanese Yen	119.9855	Swiss Franc	0.9264
Euro	0.8841	Malaysian Ringgit	3.583	Taiwan Dollar	30.495
		New Zealand Dollar	1.3468	Thailand Baht	33.381

Nation

Charges filed against 170 motorcycle gang members in Texas

WACO, Texas (AP)—About 170 members of rival motorcycle gangs were charged with engaging in organized crime Monday, a day after a shootout at a Texas restaurant that killed nine people and wounded 18.

The crowd of suspects was so large that authorities opened a convention center to hold them all before they were arrested, police said.

Sunday's melee at the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco drew a broad police response that included placing officers atop buildings and highway overpasses to watch for other bikers rushing to the scene to retaliate.

Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said that authorities had received threats from biker groups against law enforcement "throughout the night" after the shooting and that authorities stood ready to confront any more violence. He told The Dallas Morning News a retaliatory threat remained high on Monday.

McLennan County Justice of the Peace W.H. Peterson set bond at \$1 million for each suspect. He defended the high amount, citing the violence that quickly unfolded in a shopping market busy with a lunchtime crowd.

"We have nine people dead, because these people want-

AP
Waco Police Sgt. Patrick Swanton addresses the media as law enforcement continues to investigate the motorcycle gang related shooting at the Twin Peaks restaurant, Monday, May 18, 2015, in Waco, Texas, where nine were killed Sunday and over a dozen injured.

ed to come down and what? Drink? Party?" Peterson said. "I thought it was appropriate."

Peterson also performed inquests on the nine dead bikers but declined to identify them pending notification of family. Peterson says all nine were from Texas.

Police acknowledged firing on armed bikers, but it was unclear how many of the dead were shot by gang members and how many were shot by officers.

Swanton said the Waco Convention Center was used to hold the suspects temporarily as police rushed to secure many parts of the city amid reports of rival bikers going elsewhere to continue the fight. Those at the convention center were later taken to jail.

It's too early to determine how many motorcycle gang members will face murder charges, Swanton said.

Five gangs had gathered at the restaurant as part of a meeting to settle differences over turf



and recruitment. Prior meetings had been held at the restaurant, and managers there had dismissed police concerns over the gatherings, he said.

"They were not here to drink and eat barbecue," Swanton said. "They came here with violence in mind."

Twin Peaks—a national chain that features waitresses in revealing uniforms—on Monday revoked the franchise rights to the restaurant, which opened in August.

Company spokesman Rick Van Warner said in a statement that the management team

chose to ignore warnings and advice from the company, and did not establish the "high security standards" that the company requires.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on Monday issued a seven-day suspension of the restaurant's liquor license,



Source: AP Graphic: Staff, TNS

but owners had the option of re-opening to serve meals.

Police and the restaurant operators were aware of Sunday's meeting in advance, and 18 Waco officers in addition to state troopers were outside the restaurant when the fight began, Swanton said.

McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara, whose office is involved in the investigation, said the nine dead were members of the Bandidos and Cossacks. However, Swanton has repeatedly declined to identify which gangs were involved in a fight that began with punches then grew to include chains, knives and then guns.

Marathon bomber likely to appeal over Boston trial site

BOSTON (AP)—Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's appeal of his death sentence is likely to focus on the judge's refusal to move the trial out of Boston and the prosecution's barrage of heartbreakingly testimony from more than a dozen victims of the attack.

While the case will probably take years to wend its way through the courts, legal observers say there are some obvious grounds for challenging the punishment handed out by the jury Friday to the 21-year-old former college student for the 2013 bombing that killed three people and wounded more than 260.

Tsarnaev's lawyers fought

to get the trial moved, warning that too many people had personal connections to the marathon or the tragedy and that the anguish in Boston was just too powerful to find an impartial jury. But U.S. District Judge George O'Toole Jr. rejected all four change-of-venue motions, and a federal appeals court backed him, 2-1.

"The venue thing is obviously strong. Anybody who would sit on the jury in Boston has been personally affected by the event in question," said Eric M. Freedman, a death penalty specialist and professor of constitutional law at Hofstra Law School.



Others say the judge had valid reasons to keep the trial in Boston and scrupulously tried to weed out potential jurors who were biased.

"He did very careful questioning before seating them on the jury," said George Vien, a former federal prosecutor in Boston. Vien added: "If they had granted the change of venue, what are the victims and the victims' families supposed to do? Are they going to travel and live in Iowa for months?"

Tsarnaev's lawyers may also

argue that the judge allowed too many amputees and others who were hurt in the bombing to describe their traumatic experiences and severe injuries in great detail.

Such graphic testimony can cause jurors to be overcome by sympathy for the victims and cloud their judgment, said David Hoose, a death penalty lawyer in Massachusetts.

"I think there's a strong argument to be made here that the judge really did not do much of anything to properly rein this in," he said.

Still, he said judges are given considerable latitude in deciding how much victim testimony to allow.

Investigators uncertain anything hit train before derailment

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Federal authorities said they are uncertain if anything struck the windshield of an Amtrak train before it derailed in Philadelphia last week, but they have not ruled out the possibility.

Investigators, however, said they are certain a gunshot did not strike the train before the May 12 derailment, which killed eight people and injured more than 200 others.

FBI agents performed forensic work on a grapefruit-sized fracture on the left side of the Amtrak locomotive's windshield, and the National Transportation Safety Board said they found no evidence of any damage that could have been caused

by a firearm.

The developments came Monday as trains began running to New York again for the first time in nearly a week. They also raised new questions about the events leading up to the derailment, including a conversation an assistant conductor told investigators she heard between the Amtrak engineer and a regional rail train engineer minutes before the train sped up and went off the rails at a curve.

The assistant conductor said she heard the regional train engineer say he'd been "hit by a rock or shot at" and she thought she heard the Amtrak engineer say his train had also been struck.

The NTSB said the regional train engineer recalled no such conversation, and investigators listened to the dispatch tape and heard no communications from the Amtrak engineer to the railroad's dispatch center to say that something had struck the train.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority said it doesn't know what caused the damage to its train that night.

Investigators have focused on the acceleration of the Amtrak train as it approached the curve, reaching 106 mph as it entered a 50 mph stretch and slowing down only slightly before the crash.

Amtrak engineer Brandon

Bostian has told authorities he doesn't recall anything in the few minutes before the derailment. He was among those injured.

The NTSB said Monday it could be a year before it determines the probable cause of the derailment.

Amtrak resumed service Monday with a 5:30 a.m. southbound train leaving New York City.

All Acela Express, Northeast Regional and other services also resumed service. Amtrak officials said Sunday that trains along the Northeast Corridor from Washington to Boston would return to service in "complete compliance" with federal safety orders.

Boy shoots through window, kills friend trying to wake him

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)—A Montana boy startled at being

Asia

Brokers tricking Rohingya children onto trafficking boats

SITTWE, Myanmar (AP)—The boy was shoved onto the wooden vessel with hundreds of other Rohingya Muslims. For days, the 14-year-old sat with his knees bent into his chest, pressed up against sweaty bodies in the cabin's rancid heat.

Women cradled coughing babies. The crew paced back and forth with belts and iron rods, striking anyone who dared to speak, stand up or even those who vomited from the nauseating stench and rolling waves.

Rohingya have been fleeing persecution in predominantly Buddhist Myanmar for years, but that was not the central reason Mohammad Tayub ended up on the ship anchored off the coast of western Rakhine state two weeks ago.

He said he was simply tricked by brokers, now capitalizing on poverty and a growing sense of desperation.

Two men approached him while he was tending cattle, he said, offering him a job in Malaysia and saying that if he wanted to help earn money for his family, this was his best chance.

They took him to the shore on the back of their motorbike,



AP
In this Monday, May 11, 2015, photo 16-year-old Sadik Hussein, left, and 17-year-old Noor Alam, hours after returning to their homes in Thetkabyin Village, north of Sittwe, western Rakhine state, Myanmar.

offering assurances he wouldn't have to pay for the boat ride. He hoped at least to go home, pack a bag and say goodbye, but by that time, it was already too late.

"I'm never going to see my mother again," he thought when inside the ship, his body pressed up tightly against strangers on all sides. "I wanted to cry, but I knew I'd be beaten again if I did."

Tayub had no way of knowing there is little chance of an

exit for thousands of Rohingya and Bangladeshis stranded in the sea since a crackdown on human trafficking networks in Thailand earlier this month left the region grappling with a monumental humanitarian crisis.

They are growing weaker each day as the navies of three Southeast Asian nations have pushed crowded rickety boats out of their respective waters, each nation fearing that any sign

of acceptance could trigger a mass exodus that would swamp its shores.

Survivors say dozens have died and an increasingly alarmed United Nations has warned that the boats could turn into "floating coffins."

But that has not stopped brokers like the ones who approached Tayub in Myanmar. All are still eager to earn the \$100 they receive from the

from neighboring Bangladesh, though many of their families arrived generations ago. Denied citizenship, they are effectively stateless and have faced violence and state-sponsored discrimination for decades.

After the country of 50 million started moving from dictatorship to democracy in 2011, newfound freedoms of expression lifted the lid off deep-seated hatred of the dark-skinned religious minority, making them even more vulnerable. Up to 280 Rohingya have been killed since mid-2012, and some 140,000 were chased from their homes by machete-wielding extremist Buddhist mobs. They now live under apartheid-like conditions in camps where they can't work, get an adequate education or receive medical care.

The captains know they can earn more money—thousands of dollars per person from family members—once they leave the country's terrestrial waters. For those trapped inside the vessels until the crew is given the go-ahead to leave, the shore is tantalizingly close, a few hours away by boat.

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a provincial governor. The bus was speeding to overtake another car when it crashed head-on into the oncoming van near a factory industrial zone in eastern Svay Rieng province, which is near the border with Vietnam, he said. The overcrowded van was carrying more than 30 factory workers and was driving within the speed limit, he said.

Pakistani officials say US drone strike kills 3 militants

DERA ISLAMIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistani intelligence officials say two missiles fired from a U.S. drone hit a compound in a troubled Pakistani tribal region near the Afghan border, killing three militants. The two officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters, said Tuesday that the latest strike happened Monday night the Shawal village of North Waziristan tribal region. North Waziristan has been the scene of a massive military operation against local and foreign militants since June and the military says it has eliminated militants in most of the areas of North Waziristan since launching the operation. The military says it has killed more than 1,200 militants in the operation. U.S. drone strikes have killed several top Pakistani Taliban and al-Qaida militants in the region over the years.

Japanese worry over Osprey safety after fatal US air crash

TOKYO (AP)—A fatal crash of a U.S. Marine Corps Osprey in Hawaii has renewed safety concerns in Japan, where more of the hybrid aircraft are to be deployed.

Gov. Takeshi Onaga on the southern island of Okinawa said Monday that flights of Ospreys should be suspended until the cause of the crash is found. The tilt-rotor MV-22 Osprey can take off and land like a helicopter but flies like an airplane.

An Osprey caught fire after a hard landing on Sunday at Bellows Air Force Station on Hawaii's main island of Oahu, killing one Marine and sending 21 others to hospitals.

"From the (Okinawan) residents' point of view, Osprey

deployment is not acceptable to begin with," Onaga told a televised news conference. "The significance of this crash is extremely big. We seek an adequate investigation into the cause and an explanation, and of course eventually demand the withdrawal of Ospreys."

Onaga said he plans to demand that the U.S. military suspend all Osprey flights on Okinawa until the authorities determine the cause of the latest accident.

The U.S. military says the Osprey is safe but Okinawans have worried that it may be prone to crashes. Anti-U.S. military sentiment is particularly high on Okinawa, home to half of the about 50,000 American troops

based in Japan under bilateral security treaty. Many complain about noise and crime linked to U.S. bases on the island.

The U.S. operates 24 Ospreys on Okinawa and announced a week ago that 10 more would be deployed to Yokota Air Base near Tokyo beginning in 2017.

The first three are to arrive in Yokota in the second half of 2017, with the remainder to be deployed by 2021. The announcement immediately prompted opposition from Japanese residents near the base, with dozens protesting over the weekend.

Separately, Japan's Defense Ministry plans to buy 17 Ospreys for deployment at Japanese Self-Defense Forces bases over the next few years,

although the exact locations have not been released. The U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency in early May announced the State Department has approved a possible sale to Japan of V-22B Blok C Osprey aircraft and related equipment and logistical support for an estimated \$3 billion.

Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a regular news conference Monday that he believes the aircraft is safe, but asked the U.S. side to promptly provide information about the accident.

Officials from six municipalities near the Yokota base have demanded the Japanese government do more to provide information about the aircraft and the accident.

poor farmers who were paid about 50 percent above what they would get on the world market. The program, however, racked up losses of at least \$4.46 billion as the Thai government stockpiled mass quantities of rice. Prosecutors said Yingluck ignored multiple warnings from several state agencies about possible corruption—none of which has yet been proven in court.

Earlier this year, the National Anti-Corruption Commission recommended that the Finance Ministry sue her personally for at least 600 billion baht (\$18.4 billion).

Thai ex-PM starts trial for role in rice subsidy scheme

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra entered a plea of not guilty Tuesday at the start of a trial that could see her jailed for a decade, which critics say is part of a politically motivated campaign against her family.

Supporters chanted "Yingluck! Yingluck!" as the ex-premier entered the Supreme Court in Bangkok to be formally read the charges against her of dereliction of duty in overseeing a rice subsidy scheme that lost billions of dollars.

"I am confident in my innocence," Yingluck told report-

ers. "I hope the court will grant me justice, and that everything will go according to due process under the law."

Yingluck was ousted from her post as prime minister by a court decision that came two weeks before the military staged a coup last May.

She is being charged with dereliction in overseeing the controversial rice subsidy program, which temporarily cost Thailand its crown as the world's top exporter. The same charges also led to her impeachment in January by the military-appointed legislature, which banned her from politics

for five years.

She faces up to 10 years in prison if found guilty, a ruling that would deepen the country's decade-long political crisis.

Her supporters see the case as part of an attempt by the pro-establishment elite to dismantle the political legacy of her family, which has repeatedly won landslide victories in several general elections over the last decade.

The program was a flagship policy that helped Yingluck's Pheu Thai Party win elections in 2011, and Yingluck has argued it was aimed at helping

ship's captain for each body delivered regardless of what happens after they leave, according to Maung Maung, a community leader who has researched trafficking in camps in and around Sittwe, the capital of Rakhine state.

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ASIAN BRIEFS

Myanmar army blames ethnic rebels for shelling inside China

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar's army chief is blaming ethnic Kokang rebels for shelling attacks in southwestern China that he says aim to damage relations between China and Myanmar.

At a meeting Monday in Myanmar's capital, Naypyitaw, the army chief, Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, told China's ambassador to Myanmar that the shells that fell into Yunnan province, near northeastern Myanmar, last week were not from government troops but from the rebels.

China complained Friday of shells and airstrikes hitting their side of the border. Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying urged Myanmar to restore stability to the region "as soon as possible."

A similar incident took place in March, with Myanmar promising to punish those responsible.

16 killed when bus hits garment workers' van in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—At least 16 garment workers were killed and two dozen injured Tuesday when the van driving them to their factory in eastern Cambodia was hit by a speeding bus. No one was injured on the bus, which was carrying tourists from Vietnam and other passengers, said Chieng Am,

World

IS militants look for collaborators after taking Iraqi city

BAGHDAD (AP)—Islamic State militants searched door-to-door for policemen and pro-government fighters and threw bodies in the Euphrates River in a bloody purge Monday after capturing the strategic city of Ramadi, their biggest victory since overrunning much of northern and western Iraq last year.

Some 500 civilians and soldiers died in the extremist killing spree since the final push for Ramadi began Friday, authorities said.

Responding to a call from Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, hundreds of Iranian-allied Shiite militiamen rushed to a military base near Ramadi, the capital of overwhelmingly Sunni Anbar province, to prepare for an assault to try to retake the city, Anbar officials said.

The order came despite Obama administration concerns that the presence of Shiite fighters in the Sunni-dominated region could spark sectarian bloodshed. Until now, the defense of Anbar has been in the hands of the Iraqi military fighting alongside Sunni tribesmen, who al-Abadi's Shiite-led government had vowed to arm and support—something it has done only sporadically.

The Shiite militias have been



Civilians flee their hometown of Ramadi, the capital of Iraq's Anbar province, 115 kilometers (70 miles) west of Baghdad, Monday, May 18, 2015.

key to victories against the Islamic State group on other fronts north of Baghdad in recent months. But they have also been widely criticized over accusations of extrajudicial killings of Sunnis, as well as of looting and torching Sunni property—charges militia leaders deny.

In the face of the Islamic State

group's brutality, some Sunnis appeared ready to accept help even from the Shiite militiamen.

"We welcome any group, including Shiite militias, to come and help us in liberating the city from the militants," said Sunni tribal leader Naeem al-Gauoud, who fought to defend Ramadi and criticized what he called "lack of good planning by the

military."

But Abu Ammar, another Anbar native who owns a grocery store in Ramadi, said he saw no difference between the Islamic State group's brutal practices and those of Shiite militiamen.

"If the Shiite militias enter Ramadi, they will do the same things being done by Daesh," he said, using an Arabic acronym

for the militant group. "In both cases, we will be either killed or displaced. For us, the militias and IS militants are two faces of the same coin."

The fall of Ramadi prompted Iran's defense minister, Gen. Dossein Dehghan, to make a surprise visit to Baghdad for urgent talks with Iraqi leaders. He met with al-Abadi, who praised Iran's support for Iraq in the face of the militants.

The loss of Ramadi was a stunning defeat for Iraq's security forces and military, which fled as Islamic State extremists overwhelmed their last hold-out positions despite the support of U.S.-led airstrikes. Online video showed Humvees, trucks and other equipment speeding out of Ramadi, with soldiers desperate to reach safety gripping onto their sides.

Since Friday, when the battle for the city entered its final stages, an estimated 500 people have been killed, both civilians

and military, said a spokesman for the Anbar provincial government, Muhammed Haimour. The figures could not be independently confirmed, but Islamic State militants have in the past killed hundreds of civilians and soldiers in the aftermath of their major victories.

Some 8,000 people also fled the city, Haimour said. It was not immediately clear how many people remained in Ramadi—once a city of 850,000 that has been draining population for months amid fighting with the extremists besieging it. An enormous exodus took place in April, when the U.N. estimates some 114,000 residents streamed out of Ramadi and surrounding villages.

On Monday, U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said more than 6,500 families had fled in recent days, with the hospital in the nearby city of Khalidiya reporting many casualties.

Ramadi's streets were deserted a day after the city's fall, with only a few people venturing out of their homes to search for food, according to residents reached by The Associated Press.

They said IS militants were going door-to-door with lists of government sympathizers, and were breaking into the homes of policemen and pro-government tribesmen, particularly those from the large Al Bu Alwan tribe, some 30 of whom had been detained. Homes and stores owned by pro-government Sunni militiamen were looted or torched.

EU approves military plan to target migrant traffickers

BRUSSELS (AP)—European Union nations approved plans Monday for a naval operation to go after the human trafficking networks that are sending thousands of migrants weekly across the Mediterranean toward Europe or to their deaths. NATO said it stood ready to help out if needed.

EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini said she expects the operation to be fully launched next month after Britain, France, Italy and other nations pledge military equipment.

More than 10,000 migrants have been picked up alive from Mediterranean waters in recent weeks as they attempted to enter Europe from Libya. The International Organization for

Migration estimates that nearly 1,830 migrants have died on the sea route this year compared to 207 in the same period last year.

The first phase of the EU plan centers on intelligence gathering and surveillance of smuggling routes leading from Libya to southern Italy and Malta. After that, EU ships would start chasing and boarding the smugglers' boats in a second phase. The 28-nation bloc is still seeking a U.N. resolution that would give them full legal protection as they destroy the smugglers' boats in a third phase of the plan.

"The fundamental point is not so much the destruction of the vessels but it is the destruction of the business model of the

traffickers," said Mogherini.

Given that the summer high season for trafficking is rapidly approaching, she said speed was of the essence.

"As summer comes, more people are traveling and I'd like to have the operation in place as soon as possible," Mogherini said.

Beyond saving the lives of desperate migrants, an effective operation against traffickers might also deal terrorism a blow, she said.

"If you look at business model of the traffickers and the flows of money involved in trafficking, it may be that that money is financing terrorist activities," she said.

Stressing the same point, NATO Secretary-General Jens

Stoltenberg said "one of the problems is that there might be foreign fighters, there might be terrorists, also trying to hide, to blend in" on the smuggling vessels trying to cross over into Europe.

Despite the show of unity on the military action, the EU showed increasing divisions on the plan for mandatory quotas for member states to take in refugees, with Spain now joining France, Britain and Hungary speaking out against it.

Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Garcia-Margallo said the proposed quota for Spain doesn't take into account the nation's sky-high jobless rate of 24 percent and its efforts to prevent illegal migration from African nations.

Search for missing in Colombian town hit by flood, avalanche

SALGAR, Colombia (AP)—Rescuers searched for more bodies Tuesday and sought to aid the hundreds of survivors of a deadly flood and mudslide triggered by heavy rains that swept through a Colombian town, carrying away homes and people.

The avalanche of mud and debris roared through an alpine town of Salgar before dawn Monday, killing at least 58 people, but authorities said an undetermined number of people were still missing.

Survivors recalled being stirred from their beds by a loud rumble and neighbors' shouts, barely having enough time to gather their loved ones as modestly built

homes and bridges plunged into the Libordiana ravine.

"The river took out everything in its path," said construction worker Diego Agudelo, adding that the back part of his home was lost to the river.

Dozens of rescuers supported by Black Hawk helicopters on Monday evacuated residents near the ravine for fear of another mudslide. A red fire truck could be seen hauling away several bodies, their bare feet dangling from an open trunk.

President Juan Manuel Santos, who traveled to the town to oversee relief efforts, said several children lost their par-

ents and the bodies of those killed needed to be transported to Medellin for identification. He vowed to rebuild the lost homes and provide shelter and assistance for the estimated 500 people affected by the calamity.

"Nobody can bring back the dead ... but we have to handle this disaster as best we can to move forward," Santos said.

By Monday evening, Carlos Ivan Marquez, head of the National Disasters Unit, said 58 people had been killed and 37 injured. An undetermined number of people were missing.

The flooding destroyed the town's aqueduct and even areas

in less hazardous zones experienced flooding. Authorities provided water, food supplies and blankets to help residents cope with what they described as a humanitarian emergency.

Colombia's rugged topography, in a seismically active area at the northern edge of the Andes, combined with shoddy construction practices, has made the country one of Latin America's most disaster-prone. More than 150 disasters have struck the country over the past 40 years, claiming more than 32,000 lives and affecting more than 12 million people,

according to the Inter-American Development Bank.

Saudi-led airstrikes in Yemen resume after truce expires

SANA'A, Yemen (AP)—Saudi-led airstrikes targeting Yemen's Shiite rebels resumed on Monday and fierce clashes were underway across the impoverished country after a five-day truce expired.

The cease-fire had been repeatedly violated, with both the rebels, known as Houthis, and Saudi-backed forces loyal to exiled Yemeni President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi trading blame for the continued violence.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon hopes to convene a peace conference on Yemen in the near future, but wants the fighting to stop before he sends out invitations, his spokesman said.

U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq also said Yemen's health facilities reported higher casualties from the conflict which "are likely to be underestimates"—1,820 people killed and 7,330 wounded since March 19. He said aid groups estimate that more than 545,000 people were displaced between March 26, when the airstrikes began, and May 7.

Dozens of politicians and tribal leaders have been holding talks in the Saudi capital to discuss a way out of the crisis, but the rebels boycotted the meeting and Iran, which supports the Houthis, objected to the venue.

The coalition accuses Shiite-majority Iran of arming the Houthis as part of a larger struggle

gle with Sunni Saudi Arabia for regional influence, something the Islamic Republic and the rebels deny.

The Riyadh dialogue is set to conclude Tuesday. The Houthis reject the main aim of the talks—the restoration of Hadi, who fled the country in March in the face of rebel advances—and their location in Saudi Arabia, which has been leading an air campaign against the Houthis and allied military units loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The truce appears to have allowed the Houthis and their allies to deploy more troops to the southern city of Aden, where there has been heavy fighting for weeks. Hadi had declared a temporary capital in there before he fled. The Houthis captured the Yemeni capital, Sanaa, last year.

The Houthis and allied forces took over the southern city of Lawdar last week, which would allow them to funnel forces into Aden from the north. Witnesses said the rebels detained dozens of pro-government militiamen in Lawdar and destroyed their houses. The witnesses spoke on condition of anonymity because of security concerns. In Dhale, another gateway to Aden, pro-government militia commander Ahmed Harmel said fierce clashes raged overnight.

Good Housekeeping

Historic Tudor dating to 1895 a gem designed by renowned architects

By ROSA COLUCCI
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PITTSBURGH—When William and Patricia Hittinger purchased their home, they were told by the sellers, "Try not to mess with the architecture of the home. It was done in an exquisite manner. It needs love and care to keep it up."

The Hittings have followed that advice to the letter, because when you own a home designed by renowned Boston/Pittsburgh architects Longfellow, Alden & Harlow, you own a piece of history.

They purchased the seven-bedroom, 4 and a half-bath home Glen Osborne, a borough about 12 miles north of Pittsburgh, in October 1995. After nearly 20 years enjoying the half-timbered brick Tudor Revival and its three-fourths of an acre wooded lot, they are downsizing.

The house was built in 1895 for Charles McKnight, president of Carbon Coal Co., his wife, Eliza Cochran Wilson, and their family.

"The home was not only filled with their children but with aunts, uncles and cousins," said Malcolm McKnight of Ocean City, Md., their last surviving grandchild. "My grandfather died in 1926, and his children all lived in Pittsburgh (and the area) for quite some time. It is a wonderful place to raise a family."

The home originally sat on 3 acres and had a stable for horses. "In those days, everyone traveled to Pittsburgh on the train. Up until World War I, that is how folks got around," he said.

The Hittings took him through the home about seven years ago when he was visiting. He said it was as lovely as he remembered it.

The home is mentioned in Margaret Henderson Floyd's "Architecture After Richardson." There are more than 100 boxes of McKnight family records (including receipts from the home's construction) in the Heinz History Center's archives in Pittsburgh.

The house is set back from the road, and a long driveway



The dining room features a bay window and a fireplace.

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE/TNS

leads to both the front steps and a large side porch with pillars and a full balcony on top.

"We spent a lot of summers on the side porch. We eat out there all summer," said Patricia Hittinger.

The 22- by- 13-foot foyer has wainscoting and a coffered ceiling made from chestnut. Leaded-glass panels frame the front door. To the left is the living room, which measures 29 by 16 feet. Its focal point is an

oversized wood-burning fireplace with a carved mantel and marble surround. French doors lead to a sunroom and a pair of doors flanking the fireplace lead to another porch.

A wall of windows in the sunroom frame the outdoor views. Comfortable furniture shows that this is an all-season room. The rich red library has a wall of built-in bookshelves, a fireplace and large windows.

William Hittinger said he and his wife repainted every room in authentic period colors. They found a few architectural gems along the way.

"There were 20 brass wall sconces in the basement. We refinished them all and had an electrician rewire and reinstall them. They were probably originally gas light fixtures."

The 19- by- 16-foot kitchen

COMFORT FOOD

Bourbon-Marinated Steak

A sweetly spiced marinade adds flavor and tenderness to classic grilled flank steak.

1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1/2 cup bourbon whiskey

1/3 cup soy sauce

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

2 flank steaks (about 1 1/2 pounds each), well-trimmed

1. Prepare marinade: In jumbo self-sealing plastic bag (2 gallons), mix 1 cup water with all ingredients except steaks.

2. Add steaks, turning to coat.

Seal bag, pressing out excess air. Place bag in shallow glass baking dish and refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight, turning bag occasionally.

3. Remove steaks from

was completely renovated, as were the baths. "We took down a wall and installed an island," said Patricia.

White cabinetry, tile counter tops and warm pumpkin-colored paint complement the original hardwood floors that had been buried under layers of linoleum. Appliances include a five-burner gas cooktop, dishwasher and French-door refrigerator. A butler's pantry has storage and a small sink.

The 18-by- 14-foot dining room has white-painted paneling and a grand fireplace. A crystal chandelier hangs in the center and a bank of windows at one end provides a lovely view.

Upstairs, the 17- by- 16-foot master bedroom is painted cornflower blue. A crystal chandelier and cream carpeting provide light and warmth. The suite includes a dressing room and master bath with original pedestal sinks repurposed from other areas. It has new marble floors, a multi-head shower, tub, wrought-iron chandelier and soft gray walls.

The largest of the four bedrooms on the second floor measures 18 by 12 feet and features a fireplace whose surround is covered in 18th-century Delft tiles. A closet contains an original working scrub sink.

The third floor has three more bedrooms and a tub and shower combination with original burrished tiles and a wall heater. Black-and-white Toile de Jouy wallpaper covers the ceiling.

William Hittinger has some advice for the next owner: "These houses take a lot of love and care, but they give a lot of love and care back."



Keeping the condenser coils cleaned on your refrigerator helps extend its life.

Improve your dryer's circulation

Food debris can clog dishwasher pumps. "It's going to stop up the spray arms and, in the case of emptying the water out, it's possibly going to make the pump ... fail prematurely," Eader says.

Don't overload your clothes washing machine

Doing so adds strain on the motor, tub bearings and other parts, besides not getting your clothes clean if water and detergent can't swirl between them. "You shorten the life of the machine," Eader says.

Instead, follow the owner manual instructions on how much to load. Hint: If your machine is banging around under the weight of all of your laundry, you've gone overboard.

Often forgotten, the lint screen needs to be cleaned regularly. Failing to do or allowing your dryer vent to become clogged will force your dryer to work overtime (read: retire sooner) and can present a serious fire hazard. Plan to have your dryer's exhaust system cleaned annually.

Watch where you apply stain removers

Spraying it on top of washers or dryers can corrode painted or plastic parts.

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Defrost your freezer
Many freezers today are frost-free. However, if you have a manual defrost freezer, plan to defrost it at least once every year, before frost gets to about a half-inch thick. Use a plastic or wooden scrape—no knives or other sharp instruments—to remove the frost layer.

Scrub your oven and range, too

Clean inside your oven often and never let food debris stick around on burners, even if it requires a bit of elbow grease to remove.

Don't use dish soap in the dishwasher
This can hamper the machine's performance by creating gunk buildup. Use only dish

detergent.

Scrape off plates

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Life & Style

How 1 mom checked herself before she wrecked herself

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NEW YORK (AP)—Ylonda Gault Caviness has no use for mommy groups, peeling the skins off peas for babies, wet-wipe warmers and the shelves and shelves of parenting books that have taken over child-rearing.

But it wasn't always that way. When her first child came along 16 years ago, Caviness took a back seat to her baby's everything. When child No. 2 landed, she patiently hung in there. Then along came her third. That's when a bit of advice from her old-school mama sounded in her head: "Girl, you better check yourself before you wreck yourself!"

In other words, this working, African-American mom of three breathed in and out—deeply—then took a seat and realized making her brood happy all the time at all costs, including her own sanity, was the wrong way to go.

In a sweet, funny memoir looking back on her own upbringing in Buffalo and reflecting on the contemporary complexities of parenting in suburban New York City, the 50-year-old Caviness writes of relishing her "me-time" and learning to ignore the dust bunnies. She declares herself "too blessed to be stressed."

In other words, her mama got a lot of things right.

Caviness' book, "Child, Please: How Mama's old-school lessons helped me check myself before I wrecked myself," was released May 5 by Penguin.

A conversation with Ylonda Gault Caviness:

AP: Tell me about your mother and her style of raising you and your two siblings.

Caviness: My mom was and is a very pragmatic person. She was single for a large part of our upbringing. She worked in a factory. She grew up in the Jim Crow South. But she had

Pixar celebrates Cannes return with original 'Inside Out'

CANNES, France (AP)—After a two-year hiatus, Pixar has made a sensational return to the Cannes Film Festival with "Inside Out," the kind of fresh take on animation that the studio built itself on.

"Inside Out" premiered Monday at Cannes and was among the most enthusiastically received films of the festival. Because Pixar delayed its planned 2014 release, "Good Dinosaur," it was the Disney studio's first new film since 2013's "Monsters University" and first non-sequel since 2012's "Brave."

"Inside Out" is a Pixar-styled "Inception" where the story unfolds both in reality and in the mind. It partly takes place

inside the head of an 11-year-old girl, where voices like Joy (Amy Poehler), Sadness (Phyllis Smith) and Anger (Lewis Black) compete for the girl's emotions and memories.

The high concept is sometimes rather abstract, but nevertheless packs an emotional wallop that left many teary-eyed. The story is by Pete Docter, who also co-directs, and it contains some of the tenderness of his 2009 Pixar release "Up."

The Hollywood Reporter said it "ingeniously personifies the furiously erupting sensations associated with the onset of adolescence as a bunch of emotionally competitive cartoon characters." Variety wrote that

We have to make sure that our children understand to a certain extent, within reason, that the world is still not necessarily going to treat them fairly. I'm not saying at every turn they're going to be discriminated against. I'm not saying that we should scare our kids. But I do think we need to prepare them for the reality of what the world is.

AP: You recently wrote an op-ed piece for The New York Times along those lines and had some anonymous commenters declaring you a racist.

Caviness: I wanted to write it as a black mom who was brought up a certain way, and I'm not saying every black

mom in the country was brought up the way I was. We're not a monolith. But I do think it's important to have this conversation because of what happened in Baltimore with Toya Graham, the mom who grabbed her son and smacked him upside the head to pull him out of the uprising.

I felt a moment when I thought, 'Wow, she did what she believed in and I respect her for that.' But a lot of blacks on social media were saying things like, 'Oh she's part of that whole slave mentality and she's a pawn and of course the media is shooting her because she's beating yet another black child.'

I just feel very strongly that we can't judge her. I don't beat my kids, but really I don't beat them because I don't think it works. It didn't work on me.

A lot of people, black and white, were sitting on their sofas in their houses and listening to Anderson Cooper tell them what was going on in Baltimore and this woman had the sirens outside her door, and she looks in her house and her baby is not there and she sees him with a brick in his hand and police all around him. I feel as though what she did was akin to grabbing a toddler out of oncoming traffic. It's just that legacy we have.

How Mama's Old-School Lessons Helped Me Check Myself Before I Wrecked Myself

YLONDA GAULT CAVINESS

not an ounce of bitterness despite the fact that she grew up four blocks away from the 16th Street church bombing in Birmingham.

The thing I remember most is that she seemed genuinely happy when she came home from work and genuinely happy when she interacted with us. I mean, not when we got whoopins, but when she walked in the house she was grinning from ear to ear as though we were fuel.

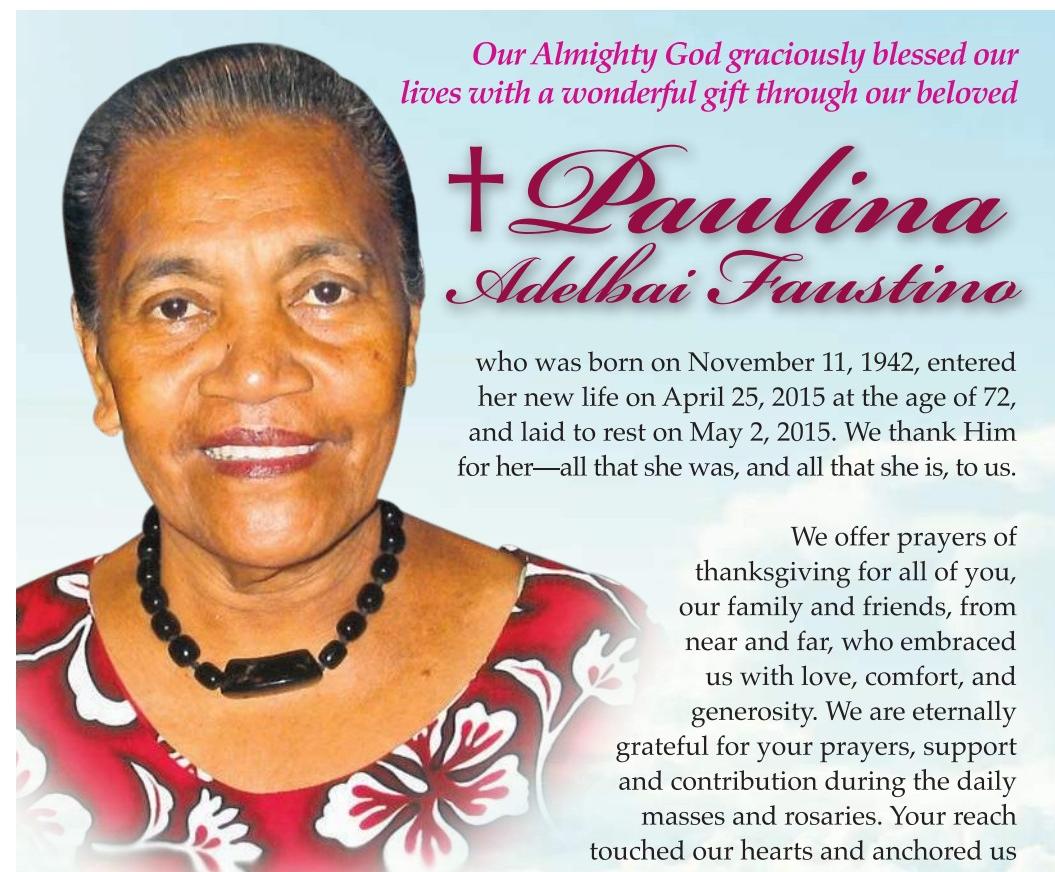
I believe that legacy continues.

AP: Is that a positive or a negative?

Caviness: I don't think it's either. It's just still a reality. We're not post-racial, but things are different now and we can fill our kids heads with thoughts that they're all that and a bag of chips and everything's fine, but as we see now with the violence from police, we really do have to maintain, as a race, some of that keep-it-realness.

AP: What are some of the hard truths about race and raising children that you take on in your book?

Caviness: In many black households, discipline and compliance are far more important.



Our Almighty God graciously blessed our lives with a wonderful gift through our beloved

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Adelbai Faustino

who was born on November 11, 1942, entered her new life on April 25, 2015 at the age of 72, and laid to rest on May 2, 2015. We thank Him for her—all that she was, and all that she is, to us.

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for all of you, our family and friends, from near and far, who embraced us with love, comfort, and generosity. We are eternally grateful for your prayers, support and contribution during the daily masses and rosaries. Your reach touched our hearts and anchored us during a trying time. Thank you.



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*Kom Kmal Mesulang,
Si Yuus Ma'ase, and
Thank you Again*

From The Family

Wingsuit fliers in Yosemite knew they were cheating death

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—

Two wingsuit fliers who leaped from a cliff in Yosemite National Park were trying to zoom through a notch in a ridgeline and were airborne for about 15 seconds when they slammed into a rocky outcropping and were killed, a friend said Monday.

Dean Potter, 43, and Graham Hunt, 29, were experienced at flying in wingsuits—the most extreme form of BASE jumping, a sport so dangerous enthusiasts keep lists of the dead.

On Saturday, wearing the “flying squirrel” outfits that have fabric stitched between the arms and body and between the legs to keep them aloft, Potter and Hunt leaped off Taft Point, 3,500 feet (1,050 meters) above the valley floor. They would have been traveling at speeds close to 100 mph (160 kph) as they aimed for the narrow gap in the ridge.

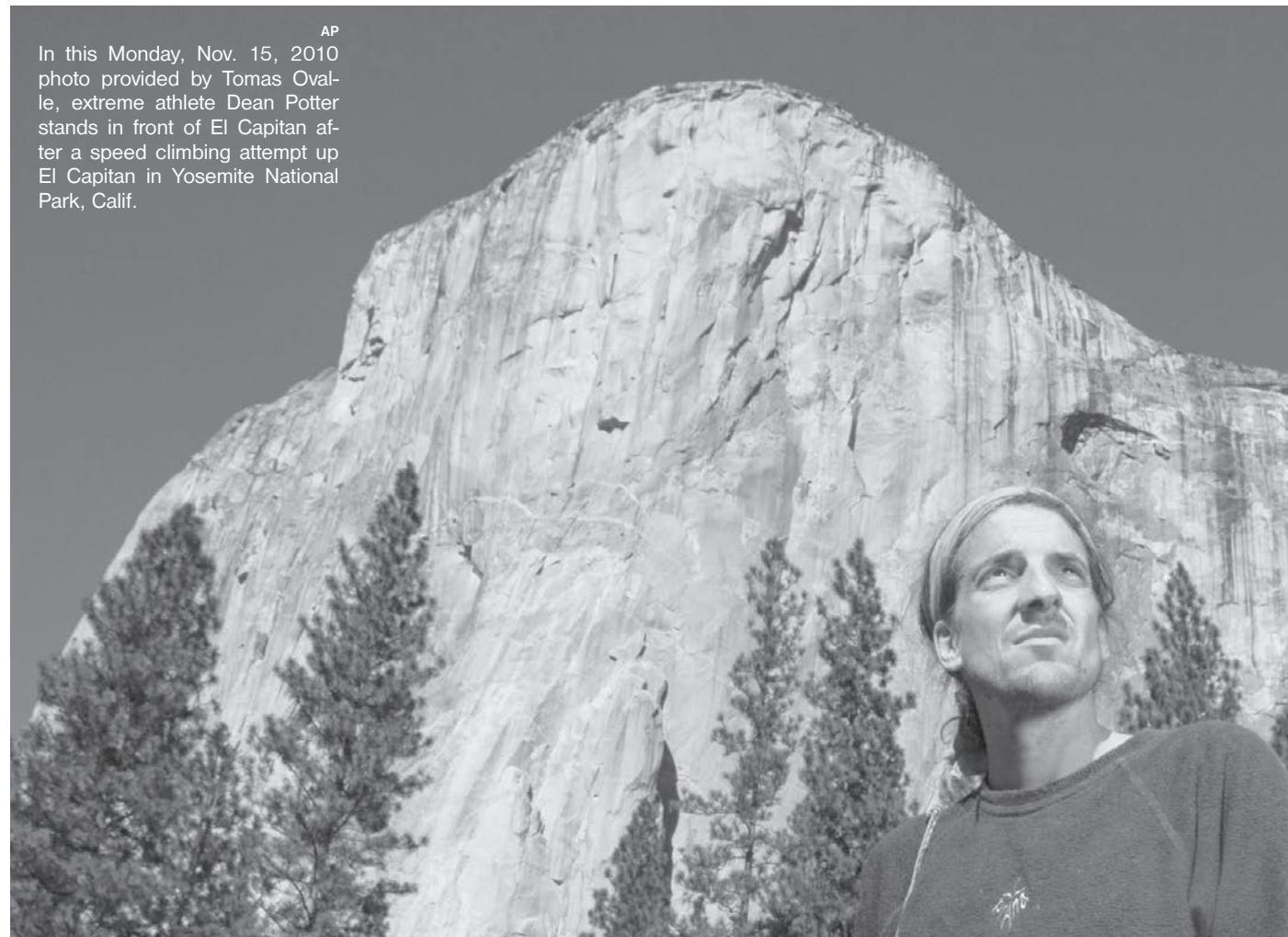
Their bodies were found in a notch they had already flown through about a dozen times, professional climber Alex Honnold said. No one knows exactly what went wrong. A gust of wind or a slight miscalculation could have sent them off course, hurtling into rock.

“What they were doing is pretty routine” for them, Honnold said. “Not like a once-in-a-lifetime performance.”

BASE jumping—renegade

AP

In this Monday, Nov. 15, 2010 photo provided by Tomas Ovalle, extreme athlete Dean Potter stands in front of El Capitan after a speed climbing attempt up El Capitan in Yosemite National Park, Calif.



parachuting off buildings, antennas, spans (such as bridges) and Earth (in this case, the cliffs over Yosemite Valley)—is illegal in national parks. Doing it in a wingsuit is even more dangerous, particularly the form Potter practiced, gliding frighteningly

close to cliffs and trees before deploying his chute.

Potter was “the big inspiration to the climbing community in the last generation,” and Hunt “was maybe the most prolific BASE jumper in the valley right now,” said Honnold, whose

own free-solo ascents of America’s biggest cliffs have made him one of the world’s most recognized climbers.

But he has never BASE jumped, and he has no desire to try.

Hunt grew up in the North-

ern California town of Shingle Springs.

Potter, who was originally from New Hampshire and most recently lived near Yosemite, thought he had found ways of safely enjoying some of the

world’s riskiest endeavors. He

Amy Winehouse director says we all share blame for her untimely death

CANNES, France (AP)—Amy Winehouse was many things: artist, icon, victim of celebrity. For London-born director Asif Kapadia, she was basically the girl next door.

Kapadia, who made award-winning documentary “Senna” about Formula 1 driver Ayrton Senna, lived and worked in some of the same north London neighborhoods as Winehouse. Like millions of others, he also watched with horrified fascination as the singer’s struggles with love, drugs and alcohol were splattered across the media in the years before her death from alcohol poisoning in 2011.

“I very much felt, ‘I can’t believe this is happening down the road from where I live,’” said Kapadia, whose documentary about Winehouse, “Amy,” is playing at the Cannes Film Festival. “One of my reasons for wanting to do it was, I’ve finally found a subject to do about home.”

“Senna was like from another planet, and Amy was from next door.”

“She was so ordinary, so local, and so brilliant in the way she expressed that in her lyrics.”

London was Winehouse’s inspiration—for good and bad.

“I love the city,” Kapadia said, sitting in a luxury hotel on the French Riviera. “I love the creativity. I love the fact you can look like what you want to look like, do whatever the hell you want, you can be amazing. But it’s got a darkness to it, and her story sort of covers those ends of the spectrum.”

Compiled from archive footage, home movies and more than 100 interviews with people who knew Winehouse, “Amy” is partly a tribute to a lost talent, partly a portrait of a young woman coping with depression and doubt, and partly a reflection on the toxic nature of celebrity.

The film has been acclaimed in Cannes, where it premiered in the late-night Midnight Screenings slot—the first time Kapadia had seen the movie with an audience.

“It was very emotional,” Kapadia said. “A lot of tears. Nobody moved for the last hour.”

There are some dissenters amid the praise. Winehouse’s parents appear in the film but have recently criticized it, calling it “unbalanced” and saying

it suggests family members

did too little to help the singer

overcome her addictions.

Kapadia says he did not set out to blame anyone for Winehouse’s death.

“I’m not pointing the finger, I’m just saying this is really complicated,” he said. “But there are issues, and there are maybe things that could have been done differently.”

He hopes members of the

family will come to see the film the way he does—as a rounded portrait of Winehouse, and a tribute to her.

“I’m hoping with a bit of hindsight that there’ll be a rethinking of it. Not to take things personally but to just say, look, people love her,

that’s the thing. It’s about her and kind of rebalancing everyone’s image of her.”

The film gives ample time to Winehouse’s music, from the jazz sounds on her first album, “Frank,” to the soul and hip-hop influences that infused her breakthrough record, “Back to Black.”

The single “Rehab” was her biggest hit, and also something of an albatross. Winehouse was constantly asked to perform the song about how “They tried to make me go to rehab—I said no, no, no.”

Kapadia said that in retrospect the song sounds like “an incredible cry for help.”

“The clue is always in her songs,” he said. “Two songs: ‘Stronger Than Me’—I want someone who’s stronger than me—and ‘Love is a Losing Game,’ sum her up. If she had those two elements, then maybe there would have been some peace.”



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In this Feb. 16, 2007 file photo, British singer Amy Winehouse poses for photographs after being interviewed by The Associated Press at a studio in north London.

scaled the toughest vertical faces without rope, and walked barefoot across lines suspended between cliffs. If he fell or became exhausted, he would deploy a parachute.

As if that didn’t provide enough adrenaline, Potter wanted to fly.

“Many people consider me crazy for my innovations and changes to climbing saying I’m reckless and taking too many risks,” Potter wrote three weeks ago on Instagram, where he posted a photo of himself leaping from a cliff in Switzerland in 2009 and transforming “dying into flying.”

“I’m still injury free after over 30-years of pursuing some of the most dangerous #OutdoorArts known to man, #KnockOnWood and will continue to take the necessary precautions to stack the odds in my favor in order to live a long and happy life,” Potter wrote. “There is a way to play hard and stay safe!”

In “Fly or Die,” a documentary about his wingsuit jumps that can be seen on National Geographic’s website, he said: “Everyone kinda fantasizes about it—flying. And it’s an amazing place in history right now, that man actually has the skills to pull it off.”

At least five people have died in BASE jumping accidents in national parks since January 2014, including the most recent deaths at Yosemite, said Jeffrey Olson, a National Park Service spokesman. Two of those were at Utah’s Zion and one at Glacier in Montana.

The park service celebrates Yosemite’s role as a climbing mecca, but it struggles to stop people from illegally leaping off the cliffs. Jumpers who are caught get fined and see their equipment confiscated, but Honnold compared that to speeding tickets for race-car drivers.

“For them, BASE jumping was like their art, their passion,” and they faced a much more powerful repercussion in any case, he said: “The potential down side of base jumping is dying.”

In 2009, Potter set a record for completing the longest BASE jump, from the Eiger North Face in Switzerland, by staying in flight in a wingsuit for 2 minutes and 50 seconds. The feat earned him the Adventurer of the Year title by National Geographic magazine.

Potter’s solo ascent of Utah’s iconic Delicate Arch in May 2006 prompted the National Park Service to ban climbing any of the named arches or natural bridges in Arches National Park. The outdoor clothing company Patagonia stopped sponsoring him, saying his actions “compromised access to wild places and generated an inordinate amount of negativity in the climbing community and beyond.”

Q&A: Nick Jonas on hit singles, JoBros, Timberlake, acting

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Nick Jonas may have become a sex symbol to female fans in the last year, but the singer says his new tour won't cater just to the ladies. He's thinking about his male fans, too.

"I don't think I'll cater physically to the women so that it's not polarizing to my male fans,"

B.B. King viewing Friday in Vegas before Mississippi burial

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Blues legend B.B. King will be buried in Mississippi, but a public viewing and a private service for family members will be held in Las Vegas before his body is sent home.

King died Thursday at home in Las Vegas at age 89.

His business agent, LaVerne Toney, says the viewing will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at Palm Mortuary West.

Mortuary manager Matthew

Taye Diggs to get in touch with his feminine side on stage

NEW YORK (AP)—Taye Diggs is about to get a little freaky onstage—as the next transsexual singer Hedwig.



Diggs

Producers of the Tony-Winning show said Monday that the "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" star will take over the title role in Broadway's "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" starting July 22.

The show opened last season with Neil Patrick Harris starting off the Hedwigs—and winning

"Private Practice." His films include "The Best Man Holiday" and "Brown Sugar."

Iraq War veteran Phil Klay wins the Chautauqua Award, a \$7,500 prize

NEW YORK (AP)—Iraq War veteran Phil Klay has written one book and is receiving a growing number of awards.

The author of "Redeployment" is this year's winner of the Chautauqua Award for a work of fiction or nonfiction that makes a "significant contribution to the literary arts."

The prize was announced Monday by the Chautauqua In-

stitution. It comes with a \$7,500 cash prize and a one-week summer residency at Chautauqua, an educational center beside Chautauqua Lake in southwestern New York.

"Redeployment" is a story collection based on Klay's wartime experiences. It already has won the National Book Award for fiction and a National Book Critics Circle prize for best first book.

Jonas said.

"And at the core, I'm kind of a dude," he said laughing, "so I like to get out and have a good time."

The Nick Jonas Live in Concert Tour will kick off Sept. 6 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Tickets go on sale Friday.

The 22-year-old is riding high on the success of his hit singles "Jealous" and "Chains," which have reached platinum status and dominated on radio. They appear on his latest, self-titled album.

He's also busy outside of music: He's filming the movie "Goat," gearing up for the second season of DirecTV's "Kingdom" and will appear in the new Fox series "Scream Queens."

Jonas talked about his busy schedule, being compared to Justin Timberlake and reuniting with the Jonas Brothers in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

AP: You have so many female fans, so will your tour be a ladies' night tour?

Jonas: You know I think that the male fan base has actually been the biggest thing to watch grow. It's been pretty special to see that change. I think a big part of that has to do with the music.

AP: Are you surprised that both "Jealous" and "Chains" have been on heavy rotation on the radio?

Jonas: It's a kind of bizarre thing to think that now I've got two songs that people have connected to, and I just want to continue to build on that. I feel like in a lot of ways what I'm doing is just the beginning of what I hope is a really long journey, and it's all about staying hungry and (being) willing to dig in and work hard.

AP: You've drawn some comparisons to Justin Timberlake since he was also in a boy band and meshes R&B with pop sounds. What do you think of that?

Jonas: It's an incredible feel-



AP
Nick Jonas performs at the Billboard Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena on Sunday, May 17, 2015, in Las Vegas.

ing. Justin has had an amazing career, amazing transition—both as a musical artist but also as an actor. And the acting has been a really big thing for me in the last year and a half with some projects I've become really passionate about. ... So those comparisons are really flattering. Justin has done his thing and has had his own journey, and I'm sure I'll have my own as well. And I'm honored people would make that comparison, but definitely staying in

my own lane as well.

AP: Were you nervous when you decided to tackle a more R&B sound?

Jonas: I think anytime you try to push yourself and push your sound and evolve is a little frightening. Just being bold and taking those steps. But I saw really quickly that the fans connected with it.

AP: Did you play your album for your brothers before you released it?

Jonas: I played the record

for them about a month before it came out, wanted to kind of get their opinions on what they thought should be singles and overall what their vibe was on it. Their opinion meant a lot to me and they both were really supportive ... I think I really needed that support going in to feel comfortable to really take that step forward.

AP: Do you think you guys would reunite for a song or album?

Jonas: I think our time creatively together is done. Never say never though. I can't predict what's going to happen one day or the next. ... I would say for right now I'm happy to be doing my own thing.

AP: What's it been like working with James Franco in the film "Goat"?

Jonas: He has been an incredible force creatively for this movie. He's one of the producers in the movie and I'm not really allowed to say what his involvement is with it—it's kind of a secret.

AP: You have a song on the upcoming soundtrack for Broadway's "Finding Neverland." What was it like being a part of Broadway again?

Jonas: I'm a big fan of Broadway and I've been really fortunate to get to perform on Broadway a bunch of times, so anything I can do in that sense to support and show love to that community is always great for me.

AP: Is doing Broadway again one of your goals?

Jonas: I think that the next thing I'd be a part of, I'd love for it to be something that I wrote. So hopefully I can write a show at some point and then get to perform it.

AP: How are you balancing music and acting?

Jonas: It's been a little tricky at times to be honest ... the acting projects take up a lot of time and I love doing them and want to be the kind of performer that can do both.

Mom fears news of ex's abuse will cause split with her son

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Meg," was sexually abused at the age of 3 by her father 25 years ago. "Emile" and I were divorced, but he had every other weekend visitation. After returning from one visit, she said, "Daddy put his finger in there. It hurt. I cried." Her words forever changed my life.

After we made countless trips to the children's hospital and numerous therapists, a judge allowed supervised visitation. It happened again, but Emile told the judge he was "putting medicine on her." He remarried shortly after and lost interest in Meg and her brother, "Ian," which was a blessing to me, but he'd visit with them occasionally.

Emile spent years belittling me and telling lies to the kids about me, but I stayed busy with two jobs and raised them by myself. Meg has no relationship with her father, but her brother does.

Ian is now expecting a child and knows nothing about the abuse his sister suffered. I have tried raising the subject with Meg, but she won't discuss it. I'm afraid if I tell Ian, it will cause a breach in our relationship and I'm not sure he would believe me. But how do I NOT tell him? Please advise me.

WORRIED SICK IN LOUISIANA

DEAR WORRIED SICK: Sit your son and his spouse down and tell them EVERYTHING. They need to know what

Grandpa-to-be is capable of. Because it has been kept a secret for so long, it's sure to be a shock, so don't be surprised if they react with disbelief. If they want proof, show them any court records or other documents you may have. Whatever happens after that, your conscience should be clear, because you will have done your duty as a mother, and they will have been given fair warning.

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DEAR ABBY: Six months ago I ran across an ad from a woman in prison who was looking for a pen pal. Having served time in the past, I know how it feels to be locked up and wanting contact with the outside world, be it friends, family, etc. I wrote her and she wrote back, and we exchanged pictures.

I am twice her age. I tried to get permission to visit her but was denied because I had served prior jail time. Our communication has been emails, letters and phone calls. I buy her things, and she is appreciative of everything I have done for her.

She says she wants to be with me when she gets out, which is not far off, and I'd love for it to happen, but I don't know how my daughters will react because she's their age. Right now it's friendship, but I know it could quickly evolve into love. I have prayed about it. All the signs keep saying we are good for each other. Abby, what to do?

A GENERATION OLDER

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DEAR G.O.: If you can, find out from the warden what the woman is incarcerated for. (Could it have been for conning people? Armed robbery?) Close your wallet and see how your "pen" pal reacts, because you may not be her only benefactor.

After she has been released, there's no guarantee your relationship will evolve into love. In fact, she could have a change of heart about committing to someone who's old enough to be her father. Please stop and look both ways before proceeding further.

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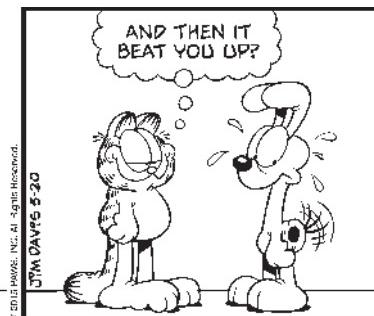


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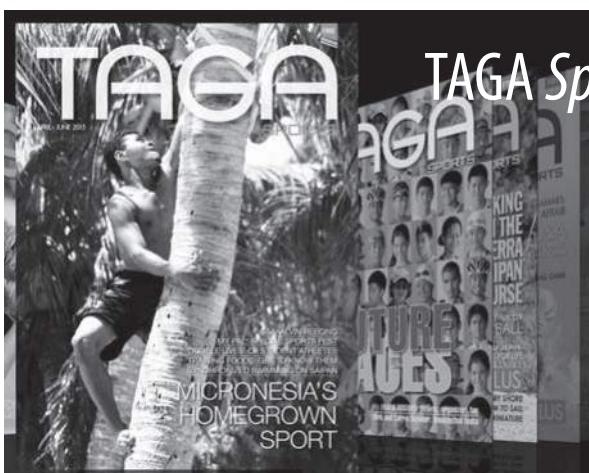
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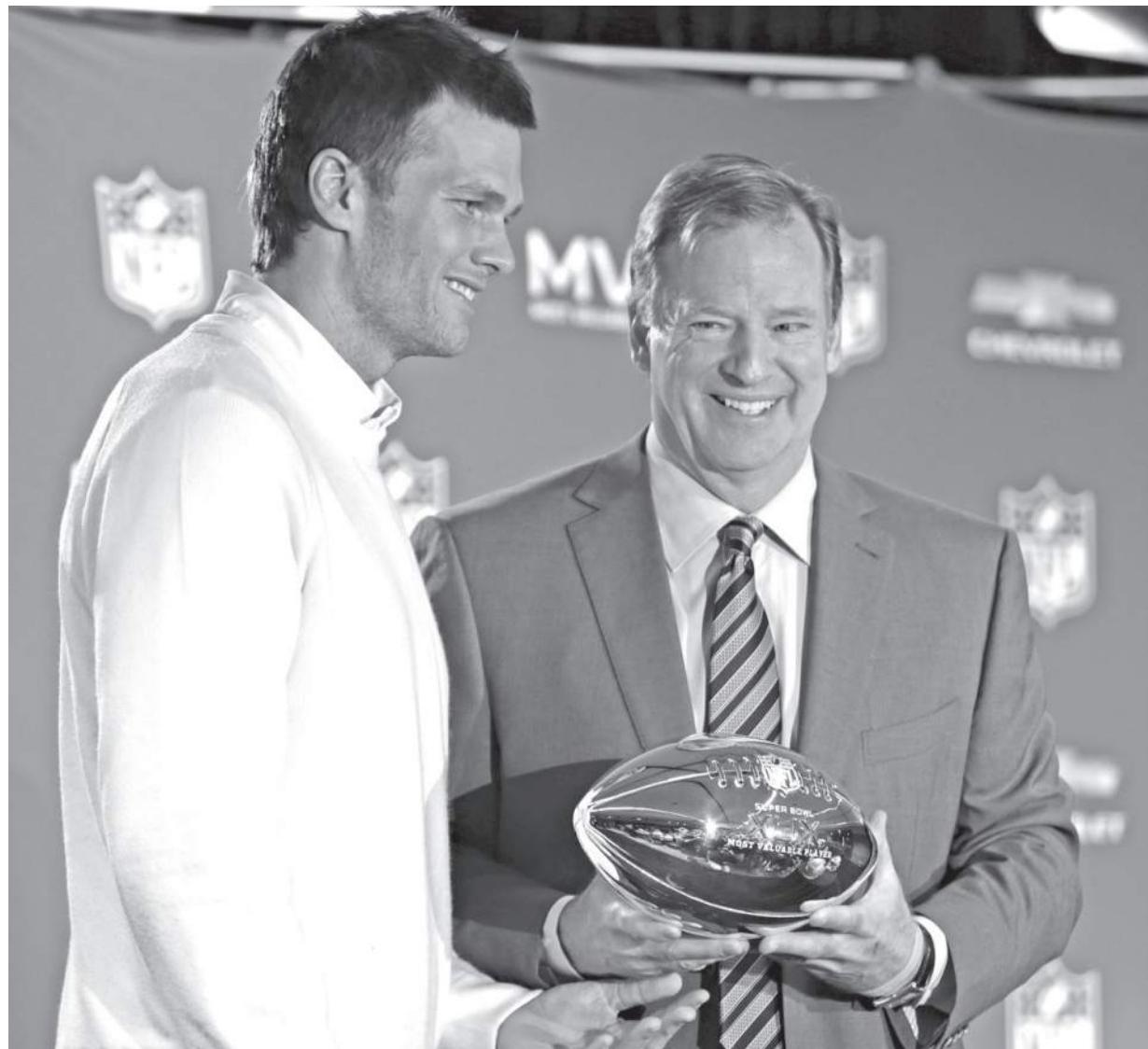
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Kraft-Goodell relationship frayed by NFL investigation



In this Feb. 2, 2015, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, left, poses with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell during a news conference where Goodell presented Brady with the MVP award from the NFL Super Bowl XLIX football game. Brady



FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Robert Kraft has repeatedly stood up for Roger Goodell, supporting the NFL commissioner's high salary, playing a key role in ending the 2011 lockout, even vouching for his friend amid missteps in the Ray Rice domestic violence case.

That was before the relationship frayed between two of the most powerful men in sports, with the league slapping a four-game suspension on Tom Brady, a superstar whom Kraft has described as a fifth son. The billionaire's Super Bowl champions are also down \$1 million and two draft picks, pending a possible appeal should the Patriots contest findings that they deflated footballs after referees inspected them for the AFC title game.

The penalties are too harsh, Kraft believes. The sanctions imposed by NFL executive vice president Troy Vincent were based on a league investigation that found Brady was "at least generally aware" of a scheme to illegally deflate footballs for New England's game before the Super Bowl.

Even though they've had a strong relationship for a very long time, Kraft can't expect leniency from Goodell, said Marc Ganis, a sports consultant who has known both men for two decades.

"If there's anything that can be taken out of this situation that is a positive, it's the perception that was out there that Kraft might get a sweet deal because of his relationship with Roger," said Ganis, president of Chicago-based consulting firm SportsCorp. "That has to be thrown out the window by now. No one can possibly believe that."

Goodell has 31 other owners to consider, plus the public relations hit he took from his mismanagement of Rice's suspension, initially suspending the former Ravens running back two games for striking his fiancee (now wife).

Kraft, too, has concerns beyond his own team as chairman of the league's broadcast committee that manages the NFL's booming growth anchored by its TV contracts.

"This has frayed some nerves, but I am absolutely convinced that this is simply a speed bump in their relationship and that sooner than most would expect, they'll be shoulder to shoulder working on whatever the next major project is for the NFL," Ganis said.

The NFL owners' three-day meeting began Monday in San Francisco.

Asked in an interview with Sports Illustrated during the weekend about his current relationship with Goodell, Kraft said: "You'll have to ask him."

When asked if he would stay as active in NFL issues as he has been, Kraft said: "I'd rather not get into that for a week or two."

He did say he was convinced that Brady played no part in deflating the footballs.

The Patriots have until Thursday to appeal their discipline, but have given no indication whether they will. They did not respond to requests for comment from Kraft on Goodell's decision to arbitrate the appeal and other matters related to the scandal known as "Deflategate."

Kraft could accept the punishment imposed on his team, saying it's time to move on for the good of the league.

During Spygate, when the Patriots

were penalized for videotaping New York Jets signals during a game in 2007, they didn't challenge fines of \$500,000 against coach Bill Belichick and \$250,000 against the club along with the loss of a first-round draft pick.

But this is different.

Brady is the poster boy of a league obsessed with its image, a three-time Super Bowl MVP. And his fight with the league isn't in Kraft's hands. It's being handled by the players union and attorney Jeffrey Kessler, a longtime NFL nemesis.

"Once they get in the middle of it, it becomes a different animal and it's hard to predict where things will go," said Ganis, who consults with the NFL and some of its owners on business matters.

Gil Brandt, personnel director of the Dallas Cowboys in 1983 when the NFL assigned Goodell to help him convince college athletes to sign with the NFL rather than the USFL, said it's important for Goodell to treat all owners the same.

"I don't think that Roger does anything out of spite," Brandt said. "I think he feels deeply strong about all 32 owners and I think that all 32 owners realize that."

That's partly why Goodell moved to keep control of the appeal, citing his right under the collective bargaining agreement even though the NFL Players Association has threatened court action.

"There is only one human being on the planet who is responsible for the integrity of the competition of the games in the National Football League," Ganis said, "and that is the commissioner of the league."

De La Rosa goes 9 innings, D-backs beat Marlins 3-2 in 13



MIAMI (AP)—

David Peralta hit a two-out RBI double in the 13th inning as the Arizona Diamondbacks spoiled Dan Jennings' debut as manager by beating the Miami Marlins 3-2 Monday night.

Jennings gave up his job as Marlins general manager to move into the dugout and replace Mike Redmond, who was fired Sunday.

Arizona broke a four-game losing streak. The Marlins lost their fourth in a row and seventh in eight games.

Rubby De La Rosa pitched a career-high nine innings for the Diamondbacks. Yasmany Tomas had a two-run double in the fourth for Arizona.

Addison Reed (1-2) pitched around two walks in the 12th inning. Diamondbacks rookie Enrique Burgos earned his first career save.

Steve Cishek (1-4) took the loss.

Marlins rookie J.T. Realmuto hit his first major league homer in the seventh, a two-run shot that ended a 15-inning scoreless streak for Miami.

White Sox 2, Indians 1, 10 innings

In Chicago, Carlos Sanchez singled home the winning run with two outs in the 10th inning to give Chicago a victory over Cleveland after a sparkling pitchers' duel between aces Chris Sale and Corey Kluber.

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner, Kluber struck out 12 and allowed five hits and one run for the Indians. Kluber was making his first appearance since his outing Wednesday against St. Louis when he struck out 18 and allowed one hit in eight scoreless innings for his first victory of the season.

In that game, Kluber matched Bob Feller's team record for strikeouts in a nine-inning game, and became one of five pitchers in baseball history to strike out 18 or more without walking a batter.

Sale tossed eight innings and gave up one run on four hits while striking out seven.

Avisail Garcia drew a leadoff walk in the 10th on four pitches from Zach McAllister (0-2).

Zach Duke (2-2) worked a hitless inning for the win.

Blue Jays 10, Angels 6

In Toronto, Jose Bautista homered and drove in three runs as Toronto ended a season-worst, five-game losing streak by beating Los Angeles.

Bautista and Russell Martin, who had a go-ahead single in the sixth inning, each finished with three hits.

Albert Pujols, David Freese and Chris Iannetta hit solo homers for the Angels, who lost their second straight after winning the previous five.

A crowd of 29,306 watched at the Rogers Centre on Victoria Day, a Canadian holiday since the mid-1800s that celebrates Queen Victoria's birthday.

Roberto Osuna (1-0) worked 1 2-3 innings for his first major league win.

Mike Morin (1-1) was the loser.

Brewers 3, Tigers 2

In Detroit, back in the lineup a day after being hit in the head by a ball, Carlos Gomez led off the game with a home run and added a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning to lift Milwaukee over Detroit.

Gomez was hit in the left earflap by a 96 mph fastball from New York Mets rookie Noah Syndergaard on Sunday, but stayed in the series opener at Detroit

and began the game with a drive to left off Kyle Lobstein (3-4).

With the score tied at 2 and two outs in the seventh, Gomez singled up the middle to score Luis Sardinas from second.

Jeremy Jeffress (1-0) earned the win. Brewers reliever Jonathan Broxton worked through a jam in the eighth, and Francisco Rodriguez finished for his eighth save in as many chances.

Aramis Ramirez homered for the Brewers.

Athletics 2, Astros 1

In Houston, Brett Lawrie hit a tiebreaking single in the sixth inning, and the Oakland bullpen combined for 4 2-3 scoreless innings as the Athletics ended a four-game losing streak with a victory over Houston.

The loss snapped the Astros' five-game winning streak.

Lawrie's hit came off Will Harris. Joe Thatcher (0-1) gave up an infield single and two walks to load the bases with no outs.

Edward Mujica (2-1) went 1 2-3 innings for the win. Evan Scribner threw two innings and Tyler Clippard pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Oakland starter Drew Pomeranz left in the fifth with left shoulder tightness.

Lance McCullers of the Astros allowed one run over 4 2-3 innings in his first career start.

Mets 2, Cardinals 1, 14 innings

In New York, pinch-hitter John Mayberry Jr. drove home the winning run with an infield single in the 14th inning, lifting New York over St. Louis after the Mets blew another slim lead for Matt Harvey.

Lucas Duda beat a shifted, drawn-in infield with an RBI single off John Lackey in the fourth, but Jason Heyward had a sacrifice fly in the ninth against closer Jeurys Familia as the Mets' bullpen squandered a 1-0 lead for Harvey in his second straight start.

It was Familia's first blown save in 14 chances—and the third consecutive time New York gave Harvey only one run of support.

Sam Tuivailala (0-1) walked Eric Campbell and Duda to open the 14th. Mayberry came through with the bases loaded and one out against closer Trevor Rosenthal.

Carlos Torres (2-2) pitched two innings to help the NL East leaders win their third in a row after a five-game skid. The Mets were the last major league team to play extra innings this season.

The Cardinals went 0 for 11 with runners in scoring position.

Harvey matched a season high with nine strikeouts in running his scoreless innings streak to 16 and lowering his ERA to 1.98.

Phillies 4, Rockies 3

In Denver, Cole Hamels pitched efficiently into the eighth inning and Odubel Herrera broke a deadlock in the sixth with a two-run double as Philadelphia beat Colorado for its sixth straight victory.

Hamels (4-3) allowed one run and struck out seven in 7 1-3 sharp innings. Philadelphia is on its longest winning streak since a seven-game run in September 2012.

Herrera had the decisive hit when he sent a two-out fastball from Jordan Lyles (2-4) into right field to make it 3-1. Carlos Ruiz added an RBI single.

Colorado struck out 11 times, extending the club's dubious streak to six straight games with 10 or more Ks. That's a new team record.

Jonathan Papelbon pitched a rocky ninth to earn his 10th save in as many chances.

Cavs' Irving says he's ready for Game 1 vs Hawks

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP)—Kyrie Irving finished an animated post-practice shooting game of “Around The World” with LeBron James and then quickly removed any doubt about his playing status for Game 1.

“I’m going to go,” he said.

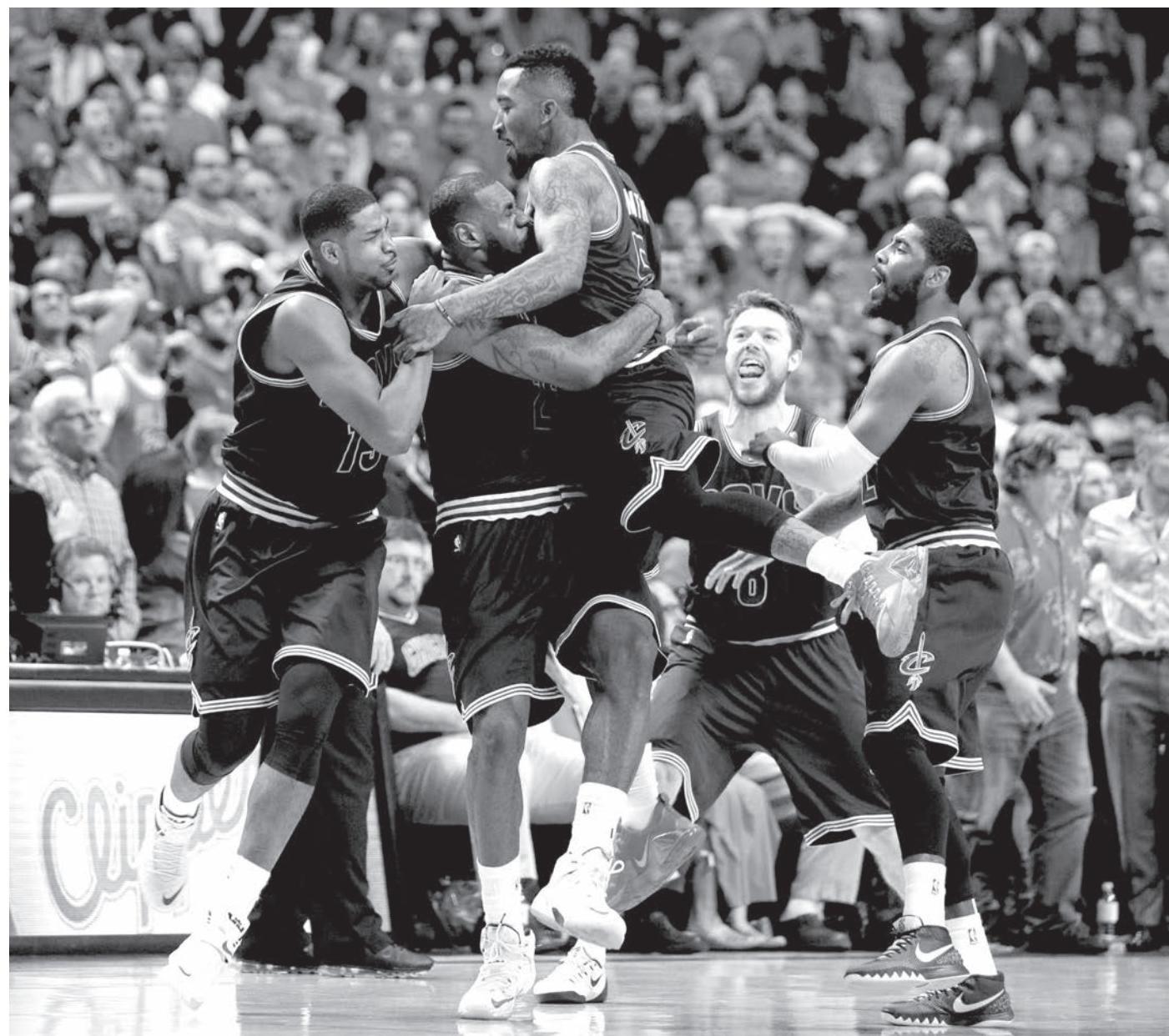
Cleveland’s All-Star guard may not be 100 percent—or anywhere close—but he’s much better and that’s welcome news to the Cavs, who will open the Eastern Conference finals on Wednesday in Atlanta.

Irving has been bothered by a sore right foot since Game 2 of the opening round against Boston, and he sat out the final half of the Cavs’ series-clinching win over Chicago last week with tendinitis in his left knee. But a weekend of rest and rehab allowed Irving to make it through a full practice on Monday, lifting his spirits and improving the Cavs’ chances against the East’s top seed.

Irving said he has come a long way from the way he felt Thursday night while sitting on the bench in United Center.

“Just being able to actually feel both my feet underneath me, especially when I’m shooting, it feels amazing,” said Irving, who was limited to 12 minutes in Game 6. “I don’t want to be on the sideline at all, especially preparing for a big stage like this.”

Irving’s improved health seemed to have an immediate impact with James, who ran around like a little kid after all of his teammates left the practice floor.



In this May 10, 2015, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers’ LeBron James, second from left, hugs teammate J.R. Smith, as they celebrate beating the Chicago Bulls in Game 4 of the conference semifinals in the NBA playoffs in Chicago. AP

“I can’t leave. You just gotta let me go,” James yelled to good friend, Damon Jones, his former teammate who works with him on his shooting. “I’m locked in.”

James knocked down 8 of 10

shots from 40 feet and threw down several jaw-dropping dunks before meeting with reporters in good spirits.

“He feels better,” James said. “Obviously the days

have helped him. You know, we really don’t know until we get out there on Wednesday. The good thing is he’s positive, he’s feeling better, and that’s positive for our team.”

Irving’s injuries threatened to derail the Cavs before they even took the floor against the Hawks, a balanced squad with quick guards and numerous offensive weapons. The Cavs are

NBA lottery still creating hope and headlines after 30 years

NEW YORK (AP)—Phil Jackson remembers watching old teammate Dave DeBusschere pound his fist in triumph, when the Knicks and NBA were dual winners.

The first draft lottery in 1985 gave New York the No. 1 pick and the NBA all the publicity a league could want, plus a way to deter teams from losing on purpose.

Thirty years later, the lottery still creates hope and headlines—though it’s debatable if tanking has ever gone away.

“It’s unique,” Jackson said. “It’s a fascinating process.”

It returns Tuesday night with the Knicks, now run by Jackson, with the second-best odds of winning, perhaps for the right to choose between big men Karl-Anthony Towns of Kentucky or Jahlil Okafor of national champion Duke.

The Minnesota Timberwolves have the best chance, though they’ve fallen backward eight times and never won even from the pole position. The team with the worst record rarely has, going winless since the Orlando Magic got the rights to Dwight

Howard in 2004.

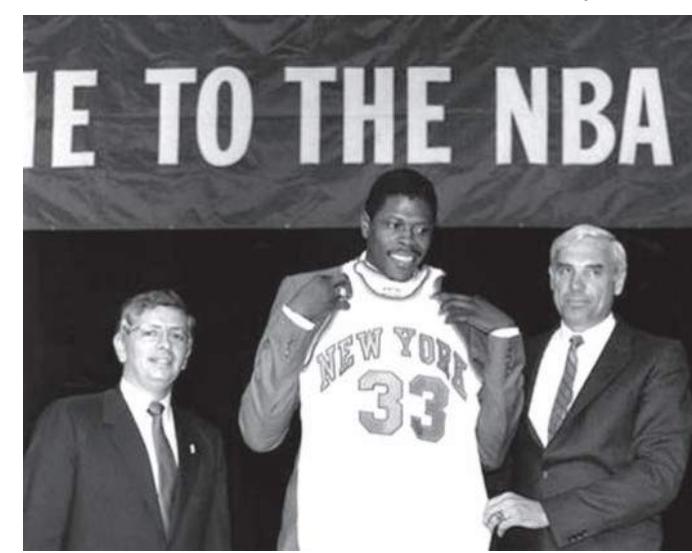
Howard is now playing in Houston, which is where this whole lottery story begins.

The Rockets nose-dived their way toward the bottom two years running, with longtime Orlando executive and four-time lottery winner Pat Williams once saying they “not so subtly basically packed it in for the last month” on their way to getting Hakeem (then Akeem) Olajuwon in 1984.

The top pick then was determined by a coin flip between the teams with the worst records in each conference, with the remaining teams picking in inverse order of their won-lost records.

The lottery debuted in 1985 with the seven non-playoff teams having equal odds as they vied for Patrick Ewing, and conspiracy theories forever followed when Commissioner David Stern pulled the envelope of the big-market Knicks, triggering the celebration of DeBusschere, their general manager.

Envelopes have given way to pingpong balls and the format has been tweaked through the years, though it dodged signifi-



In this June 18, 1985, file photo, Patrick Ewing accepts his New York Knicks jersey from Dave DeBusschere, right, general manager of the Knicks, as NBA commissioner David Stern look on, at the NBA Draft in New York. AP

cant change last fall.

Commissioner Adam Silver, concerned about the tanking perception fueled largely by Philadelphia’s strategy of angling for high draft picks, favored reform to the current system that gives the team with the worst record a 25 percent chance of winning. It fell short of approval, and Silver now suggests the lottery will re-

main as is at least until after the league’s new TV contracts begin in 2016-17.

Perhaps by then the 76ers’ tactics will have worked, though Silver considers them rebuilding rather than tanking.

“What’s interesting in the discussion here, conventionally, when you think of tanking, you think of teams trying to lose,”

he said. “Here in this case, even the greatest critics of a so-called rebuilding strategy would acknowledge that the team is trying to win. They are trying to win over a longer time period than that particular year.”

The 76ers are slotted in the third spot with a 15.6 percent chance of moving up to No. 1 and could land another high pick if the Lakers fall outside the top five and have to give it up as terms of a previous trade. So Los Angeles also ended up on the perceived tankers list while finishing with the NBA’s fourth-worst record.

The Knicks and Lakers being so high brings added interest Tuesday, and usual contenders Miami and Oklahoma City being in the lottery has prospects envisioning a chance to play with a Dwyane Wade, Kevin Durant or Russell Westbrook—who will represent the Thunder on stage.

“It’s crazy if you think about that type of stuff,” Kentucky’s Willie Cauley-Stein said. “Like, those are people that you watched, that’s the people that you grew up watching. And getting a chance to play with them, or get to, like, learn under them? That’s powerful.”

already without forward Kevin Love (shoulder surgery) and can’t afford to be without another top player.

Still, there’s no way of knowing how effective Irving will be until he’s on the court trying to drive past Hawks forward Paul Millsap or guarding fellow All-Star Jeff Teague or his backup, Dennis Schroder.

“Both can break you down on the dribble,” Cavs coach David Blatt said. “Both can push the ball. Both can get to the rim and create for not only themselves, but for others. They are a handful. Two excellent guards who can play together. That presents another whole set of problems.”

Blatt got a little defensive when pushed about Irving’s status.

“Look, today is Monday,” he said. “I told you a few days ago that I expect he’ll play. It’s just good to see that he’s making some progress. He’s not there 100 percent yet, but he’s making progress and that’s a very good sign. I’m hopeful.”

As he matched shots with James following practice, Irving didn’t try any dunks but he did attempt a couple layups, cautiously jumping off his right leg.

Afterward, Irving was upbeat and optimistic as he spoke about the opportunity threatened by pain in his knee and foot. These are his first playoffs, and he doesn’t want to be a spectator for another second.

“This is the biggest stage that you want to be part of,” Irving said. “Obviously people strive in the regular season to get to the playoffs and now I see absolutely why. There’s nothing like the playoffs. Nothing at all.”

Indiana’s Larry Bird and Miami’s Alonzo Mourning are some of the other big names who will be on stage in a New York hotel ballroom. Jackson declined, leaving the Knicks’ seat to be occupied by general manager Steve Mills.

Jackson also insisted that the Knicks earned their 17-65 mark, not aimed for it.

“There was no tanking involved in any of our expressions to the basketball team or to our coaching staff,” he said recently. “The idea wasn’t even proposed or talked about.”

The Knicks had the worst record late in the season, but a few victories dropped their odds of getting the No. 1 pick to 19.9 percent. Jackson shrugged that off, since only four times has the team that finished last or tied for last won the lottery.

Maybe the team needing the most help will find it under future formats. For now, Jackson just hopes the 30th anniversary lottery ends like the first.

“I think the NBA has put some thought in, and had so many discussions over the past. It’s really interesting,” he said. “We’ll submit ourselves to that and go and hope for the best.”

Hole-in-one prizes pouring in for HANMI Golf Classic

Hole-in-one prizes are pouring in for the 14th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament on June 20, 2015.

Hole-in-one prizes include: \$20,000 cash from Century Tours, a Nissan 370Z Sport from Club C, a Mazda3 from Triple J Motors, two round-trip airline tickets to the United States or Canada from Delta Air Lines, and \$3,000 cash from Traders Insurance.

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This year's tournament will be held at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort east course and will be open to the first 144 paid registrants. Cash and numerous in-kind prizes await the win-



ners, and proceeds of the tournament will be contributed to community charities.

"Last year, registration reached maximum, so we encourage players to register early to guarantee their slots," said Krishnan. "The earlier, the better."

Registration forms are now available at Mariana Coun-

try Club, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort. Early bird tournament fee is \$110 for payments received by 3pm, June 18. The fee includes green fee and the awards banquet. The fee increases to \$130 after the early bird deadline. For an additional \$30, players may also compete

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Tournament committee chair Das Krishnan, fourth from right, receives a \$20,000 from Century Tours in May 2015, as a hole-in-one prize for the 14th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Tournament Classic on June 20, 2015, at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort. Pictured with other Century Tour staff, from sixth left, are operations manager Sadrina Yao, vice president Seiji Sato, sales manager Rain Bao, and Krishnan.

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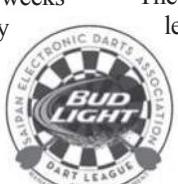
No stopping Spartans in Kingfisher division

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The Jokers Spartans will have to wait for three more weeks before they are officially declared champions in the Kingfisher C division of the Bud Light-Saipan Electronics Darts Association's Winter/Spring 2015 season.

The Spartans are virtual champions with a division-best 128-52 record against the 95-85 card of the Route 33 Dart Knights. The Sand Juvy Sea-Ricks is at third with a 92-88 slate.

The only way either the Dart Knights or the Sea-Ricks could dislodge the Spartans is if they



win by shutouts in their last three remaining games and the division leaders lose big time in their own matches.

The Spartans increased their lead to 33 wins after posting an 11-4 triumph over the Sea-Ricks. The Dart Knights' 10-5 victory over the Jokers Chagi Fan hardly put a dent on the Spartans' huge lead.

The cellar-dwelling Smoke Pub High Flyers edged the Naked Fish Hafa Mas, 9-6, in their own bid to end their season on a winning note.

The Spartans and Dart Knights collide in today's match with the latter aiming to close in on the former's league-best record. The Sea-Ricks will

visit the High Flyers while Chagi Fan hosts Hafa Mas in the other games. The results of the rest of the divisions form last week are as follows:

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- Try Luck 8, Darties 7

tough opening assignment in Australian and No. 2 seed Jesse Delaney, who needed only two sets to beat the Commonwealth player, 6-1, 6-0.

Michael Ren and Robbie Schorr joined Ramsey at the bottom half of the draw and dropped their opening matches, too. Ren fell to Singapore's Sherwin Foo, 1-6, 1-6, while Schorr lost to Japan's Shinji Hazawa, 0-6, 0-6. Song suffered the same fate that hit Schorr,

as South Korea's Yohan Sung blanked the former, 6-0, 6-0.

Seven others survived their opening matches yesterday, while eight will battle for the four remaining second round berths when they debut in the Grade 5 event today. Japan's Kento Yamada, James Kent Trotter, and Tomohiro Masa-bayashi, Singapore's Enzo Chua and Shaheed Alam, Thailand's Palaphoom Kovapitukted, and American Jack Pulliam downed

their respective foes to make it to the second round.

Japan's Kazuki Shimizu and German qualifier Marvin Bockers will collide today for one of the four remaining second round seats, while the three other first round pairings today are as follows: Hong Kong's Fabien Cal-loud vs. Japan's Rintaro Oka; Japan's Rimpei Kawakami vs. South Korea's Justin Cheun; and Japan's Yusuke Miyai vs. Hong Kong's Jonathan Zhang.

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Makoto Ohara, who will be Lopez's second round opponent.

Meanwhile, all five of CNMI's bets in the boys singles were knocked out in the opening round.

Luther Lizama was pitted against the top-ranked Ching Lam of Hong Kong and the latter cruised to a 6-2, 6-2 win. Colin Ramsey also had a

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day consolation match. Both games are at 4pm.

Amalina Evangelista whacked an RBI triple, while Masami Sato, Jan Travilla, and Quina Flores added RBI doubles each in the bottom of the sixth to help the Lady Knights erase a two-run deficit.

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and marine life and now the swimmers will have a chance to represent the CNMI as well as learn about other islands in Micronesia during their trip," he added.

The Palau Open Water Swim will be held on June 7 at the Palau Pacific Resort, which also hosted the open water swim and triathlon competitions in the 2010 Micronesian Games. The first competition will have five courses—250m, 500m, and 1,500m, 3K, and 5K. The other ocean swim tournament

will take place at Palau's famous Rock Islands.

The two ocean swims, Wink-field added, will kick off SSC's calendar of events for the 2015-2016 season.

"They are a great transition to the Open Water Swim Series spearheaded by SSC Masters swimmer Emma Perez," Wink-field said.

The club concluded the 2014-2015 season early this month by participating in the Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation Championships at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool with its swimmers setting several personal best times.

2015 UFO Basketball League U20 Division



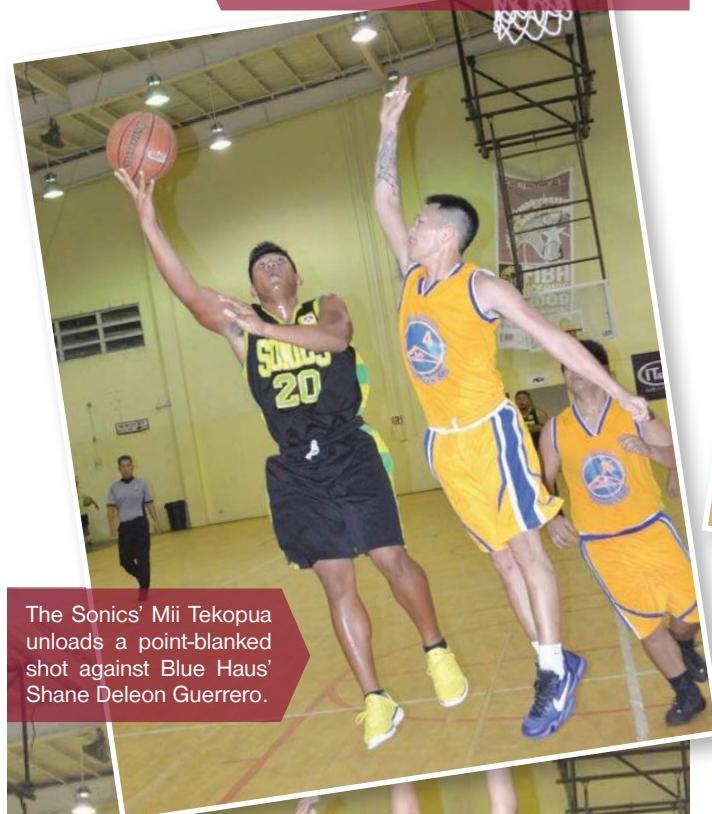
Blue Haus' Shane Deleon Guerrero drives against the Sonics' Erick Dela Rosa, left, and Mii Tekopua, partly hidden, while Sean Rabasto looks on during their regular season game in the U20 division of the 2015 United Filipino Organization Basketball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



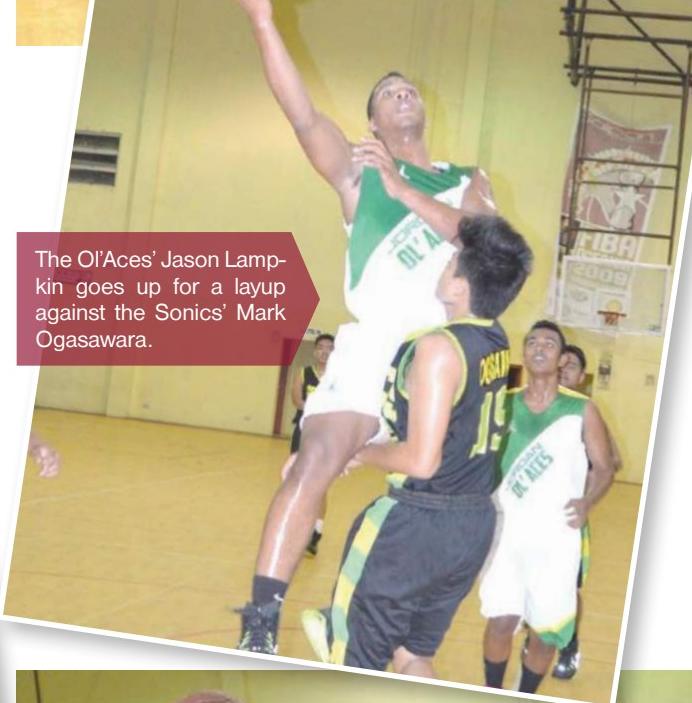
The Sonics' Jaymark De Guzman challenges the defense of three Gilas players.



The Ol'Aces' John Dee fakes off the defense of the Sonics' Mike Ito.



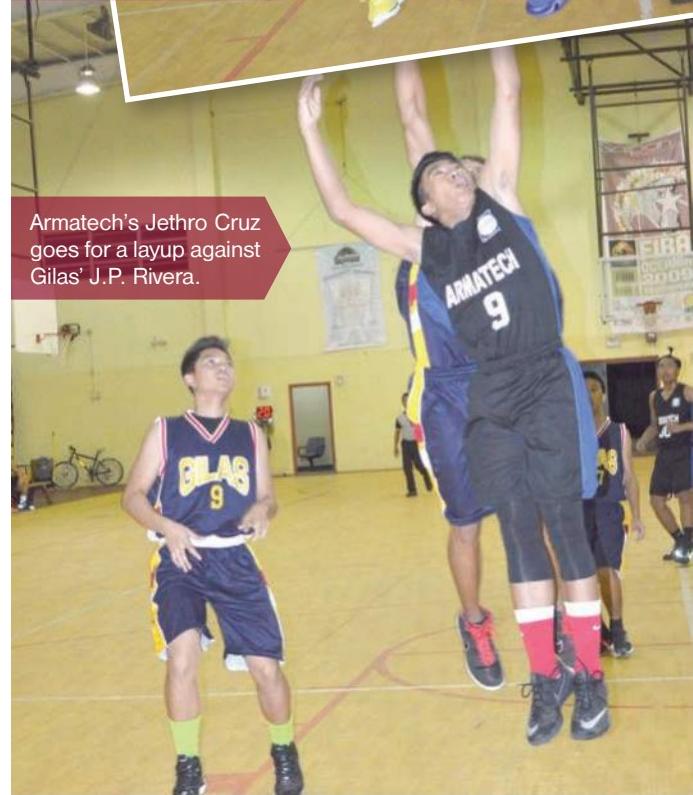
The Sonics' Mii Tekopua unloads a point-blanked shot against Blue Haus' Shane Deleon Guerrero.



The Ol'Aces' Jason Lampkin goes up for a layup against the Sonics' Mark Ogasawara.



Armatech's Adrian De Luna pulls up for a running shot against Gilas' Ronnie Sto. Domingo.



Armatech's Jethro Cruz goes for a layup against Gilas' J.P. Rivera.



The Sonics' Jun Javier draws a foul on Blue Haus' Ignacio Borja.



Armatech's Antonio Santos uses his body to protect the ball from Gilas' Lawrence Diyco.

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Lopez, favored players advance



ROSELYN B. MONROY
Japan's Ayumi Hirata bends for a return to the CNMI's Carol Lee during their first round match in the girls singles event of the 2015 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

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Mikayla Lopez pulled off an upset in the opener of the 2015 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships, stunning her seeded opponent yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

Lopez swept the sixth-seeded Sabrina Mary Woll of Hong Kong, 6-2, 6-4, to join 15 others to the second round of the girls singles event of the Junior ITF competition. Lopez's victory averted a CNMI shutout in Day 1 of the tournament, as her fellow Commonwealth players failed to survive the opening round.

Carol Lee battled through a sore ankle and blisters, giving the top-seeded Ayumi Hirata of Japan a scare in the first set before losing, 6-7 (3), 2-6. Following Lee to the exit door were Tammy Ackerman, Negahr Rastguyi, Isabel Heras, Julia Ishikawa, Tania Tan, Malika Miyawaki, and Ami Tsukagoshi.

The fifth-picked Ackerman joined Lee at the top half of the 32-player draw but fell to unseeded Kwan Wun Man of Hong Kong, 3-6, 2-6. Ishikawa and Heras were also at the upper half of the draw and bowed to Japan's Ayu Sugiyama, 0-6, 1-6, and Haruka Hosino, 2-6, 1-6, respectively. Rastguyi won the opening set of her first-round game against

Japan's Yuna Fukumuro, but failed to march on after dropping the last two, 1-6, 1-6.

At the bottom half of the draw, Sakano lost to Japanese wild card entry Sakura Hondo, 2-6, 0-2, while Tan was also eliminated by another Japanese

in Nagomi Higashitani, 0-6, 1-6, and Tsukagoshi got the boot from Ayano Shimizu, also of Japan, 0-6,

1-6. Miyawaki, one of the four wild card entries in the tournament, was the eighth CNMI player to be ousted by a Japanese player, falling to Risako Umekuni, 1-6, 2-6.

In other girls' singles results in the opening round, the second-ranked Maria Dominique Ong of the Philippines eliminated Japan's Akari Miyazaki, 6-4, 6-3, to set up a second-round meeting against Umekuni.

Completing the event's second round qualifiers were Hong Kong's Yuen Tung Liu and Japan's Funa Kozaki, Chisato Hayakawa, Yuki Naito, and

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MCS rallies vs Kagman to earn finals berth

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Mt. Carmel School used a five-run sixth inning in completing a 9-6 win over Kagman High

School in yesterday's semifinals of the 2014-2015 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization girls' softball tournament



JON PEREZ
Mt. Carmel School's Jan Travilla picks up a Catalina Dela Cruz grounder for the game-ending third out in yesterday's semifinals match against Kagman High School in the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization girls softball league at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan ballfield.

7 SSC swimmers to compete in Palau

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NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Seven Saipan Swim Club members are leaving Saipan next month to participate in two tournaments in Palau.

Siblings Jinnosuke and Lenosuke Suzuki and Kento and Taiyo Akimaru will join R.J. Pierce, David Boyer, and Salfi Welch in the island-nation to compete in the Palau Open Water and Inter-Rock Island Swim on June 6 and 7. The small group will also attend a training camp with the host team and Hawaii's Aulea Swim Club from June 8 to 11.

"This is the first time Saipan Swim Club has taken a team to compete in this open water

event in Palau and our swimmers are excited about going to Palau," SSC head coach Jacoby Winkfield said.

"Over the years, SSC has

developed a great relationship with the Palau Swim Team and while they have participated in several of SSC's International Meets we have not had

the opportunity to travel to Palau until this year. Palau is renowned for its natural beauty

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